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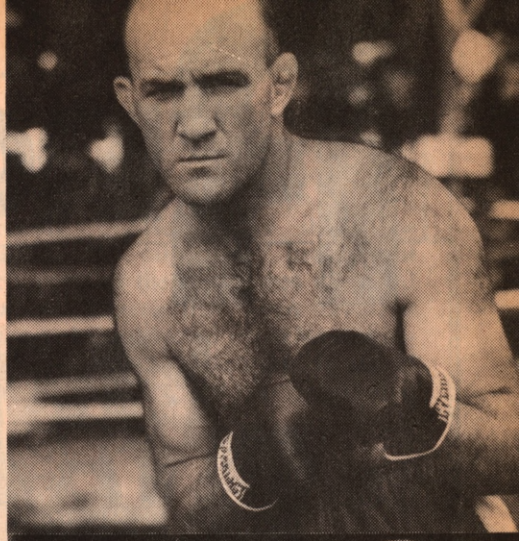

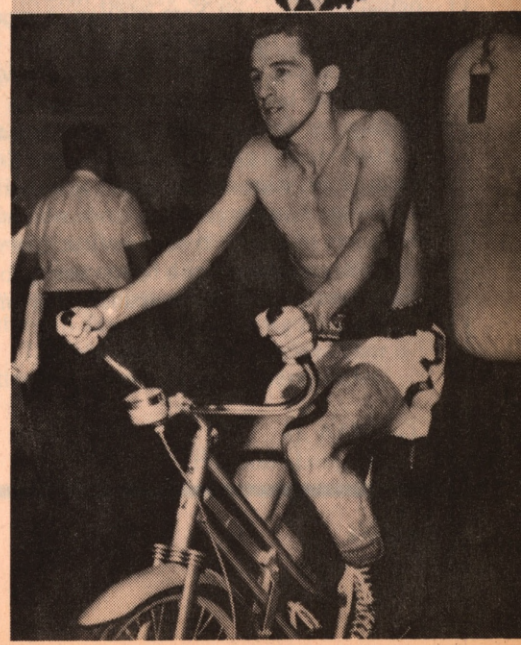

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Tradition has always been an intrinsic part of *The Ring*. More than any other sport, boxing glories in its links with the past, drawing strength and comfort from the lore of days of yore. In many ways, tradition is the glue that holds the sport together.

Today's prospects are continually compared to former favorites. The only true champions are those holding titles whose lineage can be traced directly to those who wore the belt before them.

One way we perpetuate and honor the deeds of warriors long gone from the battle field is through *The Ring*'s Boxing Hall of Fame. It might surprise some to learn that we didn't have a Hall of Fame until 1954, when Nat Fleischer created it at the suggestion of Dan Daniel. It has proven a popular and enduring institution, and the time has now come for us to once again pay tribute to boxing's roots. We have inducted six new members.

As is our custom, we have polled an elite group of boxing writers, historians and broadcasters in order to select new inductees into the Modern Group (fighters who have been retired at least five years, but no more than twenty-five). In order to be elected, a boxer must be named on at least seventy-five percent of the ballots submitted. This year, only Brazil's brilliant Eder Jofre received enough votes to meet this criterion.

Inducted into the Old-Timers Group, elected by the editors, are three outstanding ringmen who had slipped between the cracks of previous elections. They are Charles (Bud) Taylor, the former bantamweight champion; Benny Lynch, the great Scottish flyweight king; and Sam McVey, a marvelous black heavyweight who had the misfortune of fighting in Jack Johnson's shadow.

Our resident historian, Herbert G. Goldman, has chosen bare-knuckler Nat Langham as the latest member of the Pioneer Group. John Graham Chambers joins the Meritorious Service to Boxing Group, a section reserved for non-participants.

Honoring the past can also give you a fresh perspective on the present. Though much of this issue dwells on old heroes, is also interesting to note how much space is devoted to a couple of fellows who are shoo-ins for the Hall of Fame in their first years of eligibility—Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Sugar Ray Leonard.

While many of us are a bit too young to have seen Benny Lynch or Sam McVey, Hagler and Leonard are the immortals of tomorrow—here for us to enjoy today! □

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Come Out Writing

Readers of THE RING, outraged at the decision in the Michael Spinks-Larry Holmes rematch, dominated this month's mail. Even those who do not consider themselves Holmes fans, such as Timothy D. Lynch, thought Larry won the fight.

HOLMES RECEIVES OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM READERS

AS A SUBSCRIBER TO *THE RING*, AND a boxing fan, I am compelled to comment on the Spinks-Holmes rematch. Holmes clearly won and deserved at least a split decision. I was incredulous when they announced Spinks as the winner. The boxing game has been losing credibility continuously for a long time now, but somehow, Saturday night's fight brought it all to a head. This blatant lack of integrity is ludicrous at best, and unless higher standards are achieved soon, boxing will pass the point of no return. Larry Holmes was a great champion, and Michael Spinks is also a fine champion. But the decision in their rematch was absurd.

BOB JONES
Glen Arbor, Mich.

I AM NOT A BIG LARRY HOLMES FAN, but in my opinion, he won his rematch with Michael Spinks and should be champion today. There was a cold rain falling in Las Vegas on fight night, but it was not nearly wet enough to wash away the rancid stench that permeated the city when the judges' cards were read.

TIMOTHY D. LYNCH
Willston, ND

I HAVE JUST WATCHED THE LARRY Holmes-Michael Spinks rematch and I was amazed when Spinks got the decision. In my opinion, Holmes won by three rounds. Michael Spinks should be ashamed to call himself heavyweight champion of the world when all he did was run the entire fight. I look forward to Spinks being knocked out in his next defense, no matter who he fights. He should have stayed in the light heavyweight division where he belongs.

PAUL KENNEDY
Ayr, Scotland

BEFORE HIS REMATCH WITH MIchael Spinks, Larry Holmes accused the Las Vegas judges of being either drunk or corrupt. After the fight, the judges proved Holmes to be correct.

BRUCE TRAGER
Boston, Mass.

Editor's Note: *The Ring* **normally likes to print letters with opposing viewpoints on controversial topics such as the Spnks-Holmes rematch. However, although our mail bag has overflowed with letters on this subject, none has supported the decision in Spinks' favor.**

BOXING NEEDS CHANGES

BOXING IS STILL IN THE "DARK Ages" and changes are needed. Here are my suggestions:

1. Abolish all junior weight classes.
2. Eliminate both the standing and mandatory eight count.
3. All fighters weigh-in at fight time. Not sooner.
4. Initiate a scoreboard system to expose unfit judges and inform the fans.
5. Equalize matches by balancing height and reach with weight. (Example: all men like Mark Breland and Tommy Hearns who are over six foot tall, should be forced to compete against men who weigh no less than 160 pounds.)
6. Rate only 10 contenders in each weight division. Top Ten means One through Ten, not One through Twenty.
7. Force champions to defend their titles every three months unless injured.

AL FASULO
Freeport, Long Island

Round One

by Nigel Collins

SURPRISE! HOLMES IS BACK

Whew! I'm glad we didn't go ahead and drop old **Larry Holmes** from *The Ring's* International Ratings when he "retired" after his second loss to **Michael Spinks.** It's no secret that fighters' retirement announcements rank right up there with "the check's in the mail" on the All Time Biggest Lie List. And true to form, Holmes did a quick about-face.

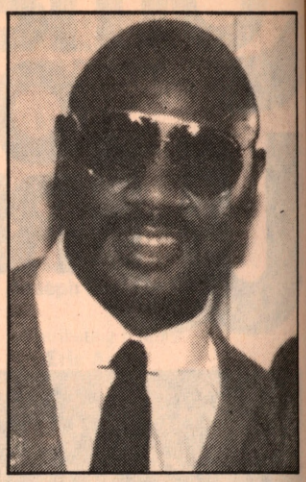
"I'm not retired. They didn't tell Rockefeller to stop making money. They didn't tell **Howard Hughes.** Why should someone tell a fighter he should stop?" said Holmes in an interview with Elmer Smith of the Philadelphia *Daily News*. "A fighter can go on as long as he wants to. Look at **Muhammad Ali.** When did he start to go downhill? When he was 37 or 38. I'm just 36."

That's a fine line you're drawing there, Larry. But let's not quibble. You're still good enough to provide any heavyweight an interesting night's work.

Let's say he lands the big rematch with **Gerry Cooney** everybody is talking about. Lot's of folks figure the Easton Assasin would be easy pickins for Gerry the second time around. I'm not so sure. IF (the biggest little word in the English language) Larry can find the legs, he could still conceivably outbox the big ox. But knowing how pigheaded aging icons can be, Larry would probably go for a knockout, anyway.

Welcome back, Larry. We hardly knew you'd gone.

Here's an artist's rendition of Angelo Dundee and the 11 world champions he's worked with. How many can you name?



Marvelous Marvin Hagler stopped off in the Big Apple long enough to pick up the Edward J. Neil awards as 1985's Fighter of the Year at the Boxing Association of America's 61st annual awards dinner.

IT MIGHT WORK DEPARTMENT

The newly formed **Association of Boxing Commissioners** came up with the germ of a good idea when they met recently in Washington, D.C. They want congress to pass a law saying any state that doesn't have a boxing commission should be barred from presenting boxing matches. With the members of the existing commissions already banded together under their umbrella association, this law would go a long way towards uniform regulation of boxing in this country. The A.B. of C. has a lot of other fancy ideas, like pension plans and passports, but first they need the muscle that only congress can provide.

"We are not a political body. We will have no rankings. We will not recognize champions or sanction bouts," said **Cora Wilds** of the Washington, D.C. commission. "Our sole objective is to standardize the regulation of professional boxing through uniform medical and safety standards."

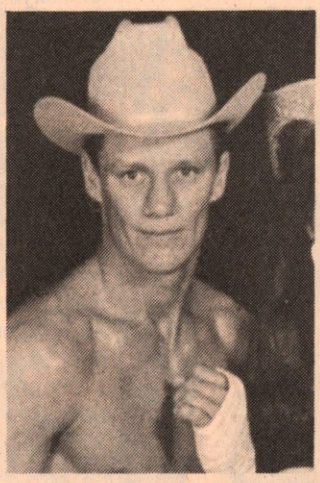
Round One

THE COWBOY'S LAST RIDE

It seems like hardly a month goes by without at least one section of this column being devoted to the passing along of sad news. Death is so much a part of life that we all develop defenses against the inevitable knowledge that none of us make it out of here alive. This often takes the form of gallows humor. Around *The Ring* editorial offices, we take the edge off the task of being the Grim Reaper's messenger boy by joking about the Main Event Death Of The Month. This month, that dubious distinction goes to junior middleweight **"Cowboy" Don Shiver,** who bought it when he lost control of his pickup truck on Interstate 75 in Brooksville, Florida. The Florida Highway Patrol said Cowboy Don had been drinking.

Shiver was one of those larger-than-life characters who lived life to its fullest. I think he might be glad he topped the bill this one last time. Although he was a big favorite on the Florida club circuit, Don's only real "main event" was also the only fight he lost in 22 pro adventures. That was when Mark Breland starched him in one on national TV. But Shiver hardly seemed to notice his uncompromising defeat. He won a couple of comeback fights after that and was still going strong. Only a week before his death, he'd outpointed Jose Angulo in Tampa.

Ride 'em, Cowboy!

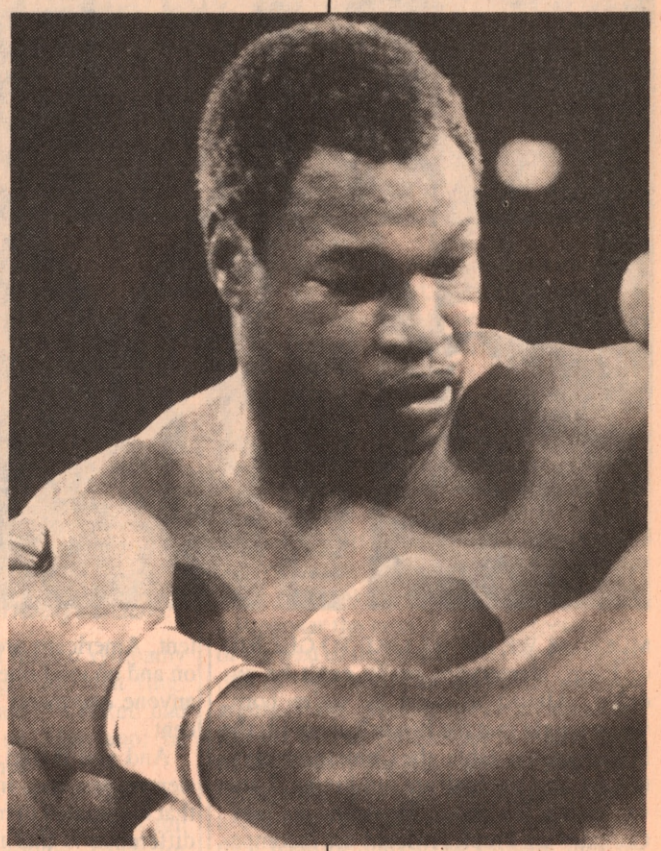


Club-fighting "Cowboy" Don Shiver was killed in an auto wreck in Florida. Read "Cowboy's Last Ride" for details.

ROSIN DUST

Did you know that NABF cruiserweight champion **Henry Tillman's** girlfriend, **Gina Hemphill,** is **Jesse Owens'** granddaughter? They met in the Olympic Village during the Los Angeles Games in 1984 . . . **Winchester College,** one of England's oldest and most prestigious boys schools, has dropped boxing from its curriculum after a span of over 100 years. "How can you defend a sport which, when analyzed, is really about how hard you hit the other guy in the face?" said Ralph Braund, the school's director of physical education . . . **Jerome (Kid) Coffee** has been charged in Nashville with receiving and concealing stolen property in connection with a burglary at the office of country singer **Waylon Jennings** . . . WBC super featherweight champion **Rene Arredondo** is trained by none other than his brother, **Ricardo,** the former WBC junior lightweight champion . . . What's going on here? Japanese flyweight **Kenji Kobayashi** died after being knocked out in his first pro bout in Nagoya . . . **Jose Gregorio Padrino,** a 20-year-old Venezuelan flyweight, died from head injuries after his pro debut in Maracaibo . . . The **Boxing Writers Association of America** held their 61st annual dinner in Manhattan. **Marvelous Marvin Hagler** won the Edward J. Neil award as 1985's Fighter of the Year. Other winners were **Irvin Rudd,** who received the James J. Walker Award for "Long and Meritorious Service" and **Mike Tyson,** who was the first recipient of the newly created Cus D'Amato Award as "Rookie of the Year" . . .

His age may be showing, but buoyed by the controversy surrounding his second loss to Michael Spinks, former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes has decided to fight on.



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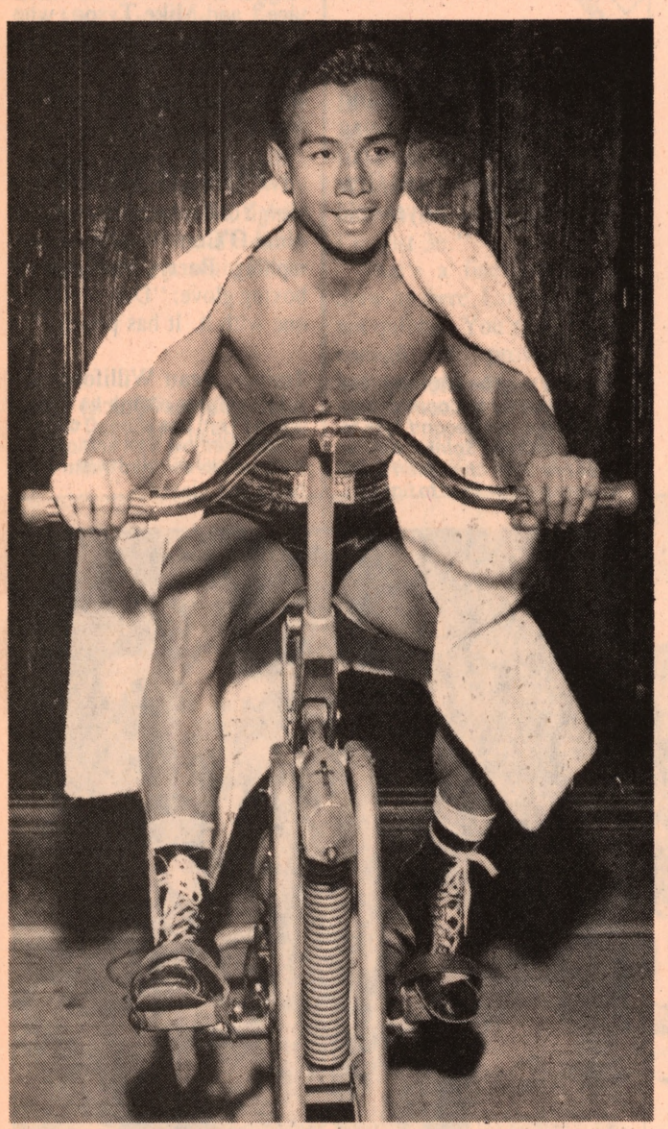
PUNCH LINES

New York's **Archbishop Cardinal O'Connor,** after autographing **Barry McGuigan's** boxing glove: "Don't hit anyone with it. It has power."

Trainer, **Beau Williford,** assessing **James (Quick) Tillis,** one of Beau's charges: "If he was a basketball team, he'd be in the playoffs." □

FIGHTING PREJUDICES

By Joseph D'O'Brian



When Thai fans threatened to riot following Chanrern Songkitat's close decision loss to Jimmy Carruthers in Bangkok, it was Songkitat himself who calmed things down.

MUCH AS WE MIGHT LIKE TO GET RID of them, stereotypes really can't be avoided. Almost as soon as we're born, we're taught that the English are cold, the French are excitable, the Chinese are mysterious, and the Irish are fun-loving. Later we learn a few more: Mexicans are lazy, Germans are cruel, Africans are incompetent, Americans are ill-mannered. And so on and on until one can compartmentalize anyone one meets on the basis of his accent.

And you'll find that there are national stereotypes, too, in any sport or art form that is common to many cultures. The only difference is that these stereotypes often are very different from what we had learned before about a certain group of people.

For instance, as I noted, Mexicans are supposed to be lazy. But have you ever seen a lazy Mexican boxer? No, the stereotypical Mexican boxer is the busiest sucker you'd ever want to meet. The average Frenchman may be excitable, but the French boxer has traditionally been known for grace under pressure, whether he wins or loses.

Because there are so many of these differences, and because I'm certain to offend anybody by talking about stereotypes anyway, I may as well concentrate on those stereotypes that aren't very widely discussed.

Everybody knows that Mexican fighters are vicious body punchers who don't clinch and who take a lot of punishment; English fighters have glass chins and bleed all over the place; Canadians are slow and clumsy; Italians always manage to win on fouls when they're in Italy. But there are many other nations that have produced famous fighters, and stereotypes to go with them.

For one thing, there's a tendency among boxing fans (and I too am guilty of this) to lump all British fighters together into a single stereotype: Clumsy, weak-jawed, utterly lacking in ability, never hoping for anything better than to avoid embarrassment.

Now, this is, granted, the stereotypical *English* fighter. But we forget that the British Isles also include Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and no Irishman, Scotsman or Welshman will thank you for calling him English.

According to popular belief, the Irishman is a jolly, fun-seeking fellow who loves a good brawl. And the stereotypical Irish fighter tends to justify this belief. An Irish fighter is seldom an artist; he tends to be a rough, brawling type who takes a lot to give a lot. Barry McGuigan is a representative of the breed; so was Jimmy McLarnin. It's also said that the Irish are a race of music-lovers, and here again that is reflected in Irish fighters. Rinty Monaghan, the old flyweight champ, was famous for grabbing the announcer's mike and serenading the fans after a fight; McGuigan now carries on the tradition by having his father sing "Danny Boy" before each of his fights.

Scottish and Welsh fighters, on the other hand, tend to contradict their supposed national characteristics. The Scotsman is supposed to be a tough, flinty,

no-nonsense kind of guy, yet Scottish fighters tend to be stylists in the ring, great boxers without much of a punch, like Kenny Buchanan, Walter McGowan and Jim Watt.

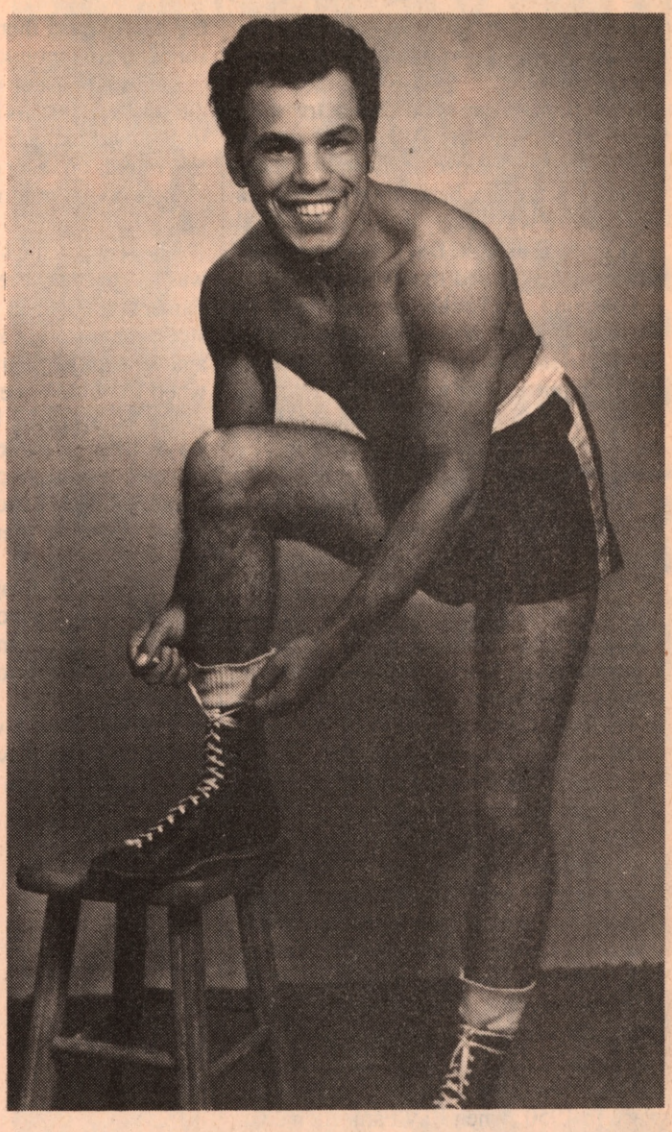
Welshmen are supposed to be artsy and whimsical, given to singing, storytelling and writing poetry. Yet their fighters, like Colin Jones, Johnny Owen, Tommy Farr and Jimmy Wilde, tend to be scrappers, not particularly artistic, but with tremendous heart.

A good example of the difference between English and Welsh fighters was seen back in 1955, when Rocky Marciano retained his heavyweight title against the Englishman, Don Cockell. The English press wrote at the time, and many English critics still maintain, that Cockell only lost the fight because of Marciano's repeated fouling. But Tommy Farr, the old Welsh heavyweight turned sportswriter, wrote in his column that Cockell had no sympathy coming. "When you go into that ring, you're a hunter," he said. "Cockell had a stone [14 pounds] on Marciano; he should have set about him!"

Going further afield, you'll find that fighters from Thailand, too, tend to run against the national stereotype. Thais, for my money, are about the handsomest people in the world; they're known as a friendly, easy-going people who love dancing, theatre and music, and don't care much for violence.

But in the ring, Thais are more or less like Mexicans. Thai fighters are rough and crazy, vicious body punchers with not much artistry, but aggressive enough to beat anyone—on a good night.

That's another problem: Like Mexican fighters, Thai fighters are inconsistent. They can look like a bum one night, like a superstar the next. Pone Kingpetch, one of the best of the bunch, won the flyweight title in 1960 from Pascual Perez, who was arguably the greatest fly of all time. He lost the title in 1962 on an 11-round kayo by Masahiko Harada, won it back from Harada the next year via decision, lost it to Hiroyuki Ebihara via a first-round kayo, then handily outpointed Ebihara in a re-



Ralph Dupas, a typical product of the New Orleans school of boxing, was a great stylist with lethal speed, but a light-hearted approach to the game.

Tommy Farr, the old Welsh heavyweight turned sportswriter, had no sympathy for Don Cockell when the Englishman went down to defeat at the hands of Rocky Marciano.

match. Chartchai Chionoi, another first-rate Thai fly, also won and lost that title three times.

Thai fighters are also noted for their great sportmanship. When Chamrern Songkitrat lost a close decision to Jimmy Carruthers for the bantamweight title in 1954, there was nearly a riot at National Stadium in Bangkok. But it was Songkitrat himself who calmed things down.

Grabbing the mike in mid-ring, he shouted, "I am personally satisfied that the decision was fair and beyond doubt. If I am not sorry, why are you?" The crowd quieted down immediately. And can you think of an American fighter who would do that?

The French, at least the French fighters, are also known for keeping their heads when all about them are losing theirs. A French headwaiter or subway conductor might blow his stack at the least excuse, but guys like Marcel Cerdan, Georges Carpentier and Marcel Thil all won reputations for staying calm when the chips were down, and just relying on sweet reason to see them through. Thil, for instance, was always cool enough to fall to the floor, clutching his groin, whenever things were going against him. Carpentier, a middleweight, fought and beat heavyweights by just biding his time and waiting for the right time to take the offensive. And Cerdan could take epic amounts of punishment without doubting for an instant that, eventually, he'd wear the other chump down.

About the only documented instance of a French fighter giving way to despair took place in 1950, when Ray Famechon challenged Willie Pep for the featherweight title.

Famechon was smart, experienced, and highly touted. And while nobody doubted Pep's ability, there was some feeling that he was getting old and losing his fine edge. In any case Famechon was a slight favorite. The Coca-Cola company was so confident that he'd win that they signed him to an enormous advertising contract, thinking that he'd become a national hero by beating Pep, and thus be in a position to convert an entire nation of wine-drinkers to Coca-Cola's infernal brew. Famechon's locker room was packed to the ceiling with cases of the stuff, so that he could be shown afterwards celebrating his victory with an ice-cold Coke.

As it happened, Pep hadn't gone back that much. For fifteen rounds, he made a monkey of Famechon, slipping, ducking, feinting, sometimes even sneaking behind the challenger, then tapping Ray on the shoulder to announce his presence.

Famechon went out of his gourd. He did his best, but his best didn't even begin to be good enough. He may have won a few rounds on sheer effort, but he certainly gained no points for skill, cleverness or grace.

The scene in the locker room afterwards was a masterpiece of black comedy. Famechon just sat there for hours, the story goes, staring at those cases of Coke and repeating, "But how could I hit him when I couldn't see him?"

French fighters, by the way, have always been regarded by Americans as somewhat more exotic than other foreign pugs. Maybe it's because, for all their supposed sexiness, Frenchmen are never expected to be tough. It's easy to imagine a Frenchman slapping someone with his hankie; you don't often think of a Frenchman socking someone. Whatever the reason, we seem to like French fighters over here.

The last time I went to a card at the Felt Forum in New York, there was a young Frenchman named Christophe Tiozzo in one of the prelims. Nobody there had ever heard of him, yet I heard several unmistakably Harlem-accented voices yelling, "*Vas-y*, Christophe!" (*Vas-y* is French for "kick his ass.") But French fighters are noted for caution, and Tiozzo *n'y allait pas*. He won a very conventional, dull decision, and caught a few boos in consequence.

These stereotypes, by the way, don't have to be limited to foreign fighters. America's a big place, big enough that we have a good many stereotypes of our own.

Mention Philadelphia in a boxing context, for instance, and you think of Joe Frazier or Dwight Qawi. Philly fighters are supposed to be all offense, all guts, all out, all the time. If a Philadelphian doesn't fight that way to begin with, he's often obliged to re-train himself or risk the ill-will of the fans.

New Orleans fighters are just the opposite, and no wonder. Philly is a tough, workmanlike town; New Orleans is laid-back, elegant and no more serious than it has to be. New Orleans fighters are like that, too: Willie Pastrano and Ralph Dupas were of that mold. Neither of them had a

Irish hero Rinty Monaghan poses with his wife and children shortly after winning the world flyweight title from Jackie Paterson in 1948.

punch; both were great stylists with lethal speed but with a light-hearted approach to the game. (Muhammad Ali, by extension, was a New Orleans fighter: He was from Louisville, but his trainer, Angelo Dundee, was an apostate Philadelphian who trained his fighters in the New Orleans style, and Ali was also strongly influenced by Pastrano in his formative years.)

Detroit fighters tend to be boxer-punchers with great one-punch power and good killer instinct, like Joe Louis or Thomas Hearns. They don't wear you down like a Philadelphian or outbox you like a New Orleannais; they just wait for an opening and tear your head off.

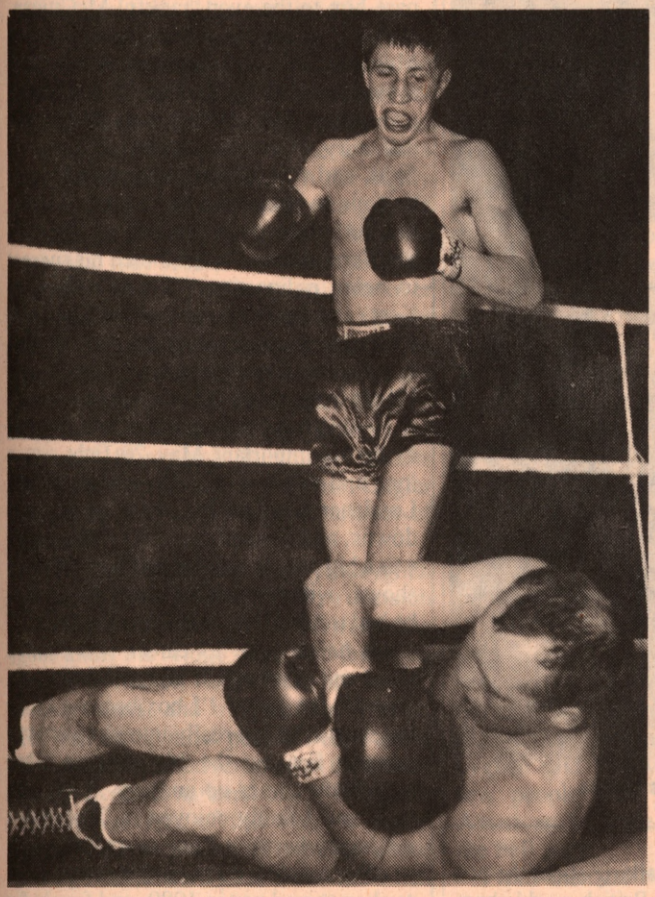
New York fighters don't have a distinctive style, possibly because New York is such a diverse culture to begin with. About the only stereotype I can think of offhand is that of the White Boy from Long Island or Westchester County: He's got that clean, healthy, milk-fed look, comes into the ring supported by a huge contingent of drunk, rowdy fans, and always looks great—until he loses one fight. Then, you never hear of him again.

All right, now: What, finally, is the point of my listing all these stereotypes? After all, aren't stereotypes supposed to be nasty, cruel things that no worthwhile person would subscribe to?

In an ideal world, maybe so. But this world will never be ideal, and stereotypes of one kind or another will always exist. And as long as they exist, they do form a certain basis for knowledge. Stereotypes, much as they can be misused, do provide initial information on many subjects of which one might otherwise know nothing. And once you've digested the popular prejudice, you can go about disproving it—if you can, and if you want to.

So my point in this article is to provide background information. The reader is free to agree or disagree, but he might as well at least know that these stereotypes are out there. □

Frenchman Marcel Thil was always cool enough to fall to the floor, clutching his groin, whenever things were going against him.

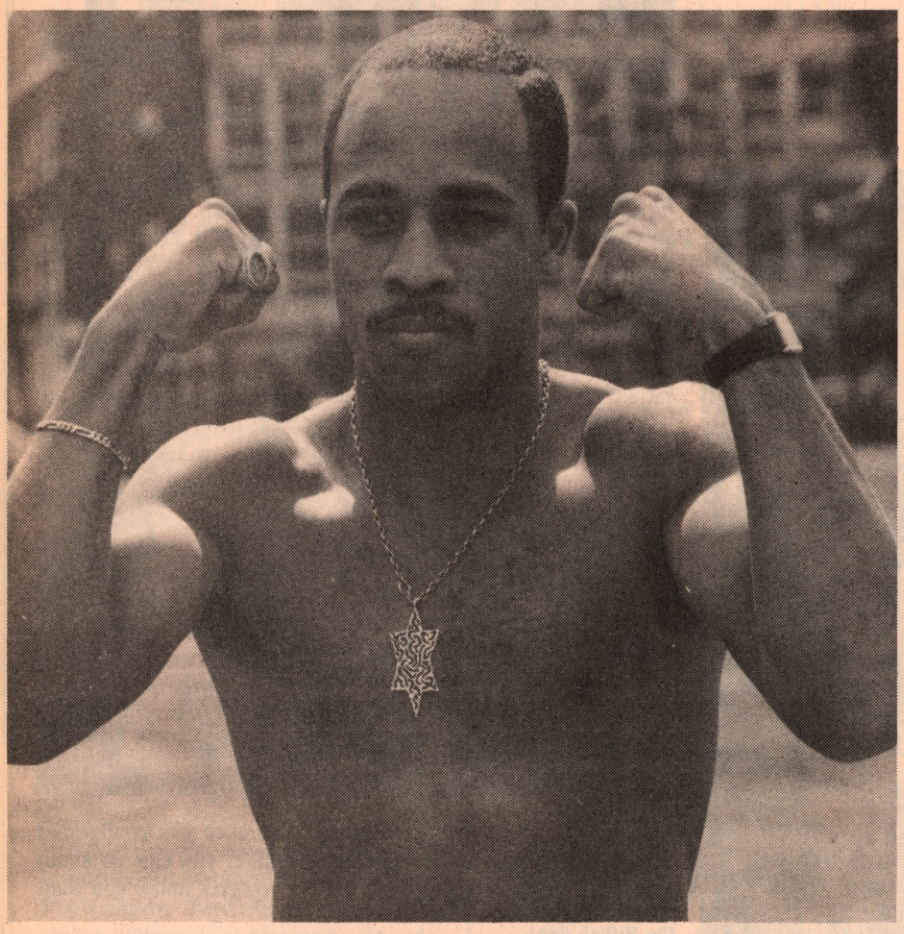


Ken Buchanan, pictured here stopping Maurice Cullen for the British lightweight crown, was typical of most great Scottish boxers—a fine boxer without much of a punch.

POSTSCRIPT: My thanks to all the readers who wrote in in response to my article, "Another Kind Of Punch-Drunk." Your opinions were all very well-reasoned, and I may discuss them further in a future article. At any rate, it's nice to know that the fans are concerned about fighters as people.

LLOYD HONEYGHAN: THE NUCLEAR WELTERWEIGHT

by Jonathan Shapiro



British welterweight contender Lloyd Honeyghan flexes his biceps.

IF ALL ENGLISH EXPORTS IN 1986 did as well in the market place as Britain's boxers, then Margaret Thatcher's government and the economy would not be in such bad shape. Boxing is on a roll right now, and it could not come at a better time for English sports enthusiasts. After all, the cricket side was soundly defeated during a tour of the West Indies, and English soccer teams are still banned from European competition—the sad consequence of fan hooliganism and violence.

But Britain's boxers have had a banner season, and fans are talking about the possibility of having five British world champions before the end of the year. Barry McGuigan (considered British by the British) and Dennis Andries already hold titles; Frank Bruno and Terry Marsh are preparing for championship battles, and both have a respectable chance.

Now meet the fifth prospect, 26-year-old Lloyd Honeyghan, British and European welterweight champion. On May 20 at Wembly Arena, London, he floored top-contender Horace Shufford in a WBC title eliminator, thereby earning for himself the reward of facing champion Donald Curry.

Some prize.

Few men would look forward to facing the "Lone Star Cobra," who remains, many think, the best boxer in the world today. But Honeyghan is unperturbed. "Everybody seems scared of Curry, but I'm not. If he fights me like he fought Colin Jones, I'll beat him. And if I tag him the way I tagged Shufford, he'll go down. Nobody is unbeatable."

Honeyghan is nothing if not confident. By English standards, he remains the bad boy of British boxing. "He is far more brash then, say, Bruno," manager Mickey Duff said recently, and few would compare him to the ever-thankful McGuigan. Honeyghan started boxing after he saw Muhamad Ali on television, and he possesses some of The Greatest's confidence and comic flair. He likes to discuss the difficulty of sexual abstinence before a fight, and will inform the press whenever he fails to adhere to his regime. During the post-fight press conference after the Shufford victory, he attributed his success to being radioactive: "I was training in Kent, and the radioactive cloud from Russia came over. Everybody was worried about it, but I knew it was my big chance. I'd run in the rain to get nuclear powered."

Honeyghan can laugh now, but the road to his all-important May 20 fight was a long and winding one. The Jamaican born Londener has had his share of ups and downs, and remembers vividly when £100 was a big pay-day, when he fought at small shows, without fanfare and glory, when he had trouble with managers and trainers, when he thought his career was coming to an end. Through it all he maintained a love for the game. "I box because I love the sport. I'm not really into glory or even money. For me the big thing is when somebody comes up and says, I saw you fight and I really enjoyed it. That makes me happy because I am an entertainer."

After a successful amateur career, Honeyghan turned pro in 1980, and fought for the next three years almost exclusively in London. Few people knew anything about him, other then the fact that he had a terrible name for a boxer (think about it: Lloyd is a name for pretty-boy, B-movie actors. Honeyghan sounds like something you pour on waffles). In 1983 he took the vacant British title by beating Cliff Gilpin, and made his American debut in Chicago on the same bill with Bruno and McGuigan. He managed only a few fights

in 1984, but in 1985 he stopped Slyvester Mittee, and earned both the British and European titles.

Undefeated and managed by the highly regarded Terry Lawless, Honeyghan had a great looking future. The Lawless method, bolstered by trainer Jimmy Tibbs, now looks set to produce its fifth world champion with Bruno, and few doubt the skill or professionalism of either Lawless or Tibbs. Buy Honeyghan was not happy. "I felt I was doing a basic one-two-three work-out and routine all the time, and losing all my natural talent. They were not teaching me to move. I felt they looked down on me, and I resented that." Personality conflicts between Honeyghan and Tibbs almost erupted into violence, and tensions on both sides remained high.

The divorce was not a pleasant experience, though Honeyghan now claims no bitterness. He joined up with Lawless associate Mickey Duff, a wise move when you realize Duff is one of the few men capable of outtalking him. In the highly verbal world of professional boxing, Duff remains in a class by himself. He is the man, you may recall, who manages John Mugabi—it was Duff's complaints over the placement of Marvelous Marvin Hagler's shorts which upset Hagler to the point of distraction during the March fight in Las Vegas. "Can Duff talk? Yeah, I suppose he is about the best there is for talking," Honeyghan laughingly admits about the man whose mouth upset Hagler more then the fists of a great number of fighters.

Duff recommended that Honeyghan take on Bobby Neil as a trainer, a decision that surprised some. A lot of water has gone under the bridge since Neil managed Johnny Pritchett and Vernon Solics, among others, and trained Alan Mintor. The last thing most people heard about Neil was that he had resigned as the trainer for the Scottish national team. But Honeyghan was sure of the wisdom of the move. "I was not at all worried about joining Neil. I heard a lot about him when I was an amateur, and I knew he was the best. From the first day we met, we got on straight away. He's the best thing to happen to me in a long time."

A new, hard-working, dedicated Honeyghan launched himself body and soul on a pursuit for the world title. He and "The Professor," as he calls the soft-spoken Neil, make an odd-couple, but they work as partners, as when they carefully mapped out a strategy for the Shufford fight. Some of Honeyghan's self-confidence clearly rubbed off on the usually conservative Neil, who, by May 19, was talking about the fight as if it were simply a tune-up for a proposed September 30 showdown with Curry.

There were those at ringside who wondered if such forward thinking was wise. At 33, Shufford was past his prime, and his position as number one contender seemed unjustified (*The Ring* had him at No. 9). Still, Shufford had not lost in seven years, and his awkward stance and slippery ways seemed potentially bothersome.

But it soon became clear that Shufford was more spit then polish (his habit of spitting every few seconds endeared him to very few of the ringside photographers draped near the apron).

"I knew right away that Neil had prepared me beautifully for the fight," Honeyghan said when it was all over. "We trained to keep him off balance, to make him throw punches awkwardly." Honeyghan got off to a fast start, easily taking the first two rounds, connecting often with solid hooks from both sides.

In the third, however, things got sloppy. Honeyghan kept his hands at waist-level, which Shufford took as an invitation to land his best shots of the night. "I told him between rounds it was ridiculous to get hit with punches like that," Duff said later. Looking for the big punch, Honeyghan then missed wildly with roundhouse hooks, which provided a nice breeze on an otherwise humid evening. The crafty American veteren was making the Brit look foolish, and one shuddered to think of what Curry might do.

After some stern words from Neil, Honeyghan got back down to business, and dropped Shufford with a solid hook toward the end of the fourth round. "I thought it was all over after that; he was hurt," Honeyghan said afterward, and more then a few people were surprised to see the American beat the count at nine just as the bell went.

From then on the fight was all Honeyghan's, who now settled down to scoring points with razor sharp jabs. In the eighth round, referee Marty Denkin correctly took a point away from Honeyghan for low blows, but he did not seem to do the American any favors. Now angry, Honeyghan unleashed a minute-long barrage which sent a dazed Shufford half-way through the ropes. Denkin did not bother counting, and Honeyghan had his title shot.

"We are going to push for the fight right away. We don't want any messing about," Duff said immediately after the contest. "I'm taking a tape of this fight to the three American networks. Honeyghan showed more power, more style, more of everything then I imagined he had." Though it was not a flawless performance, Honeyghan too was pleased with the outcome. The following day he was assuring reporters that "as good as I was last night, I can box a lot better then that. Shufford would not come at me enough. I don't even feel like I was in a fight."

Chances are he won't be able to say that after he meets Curry. Honeyghan is a devasting puncher, and he has put together some brilliant rounds of boxing. When he uses the jab, he is a veritable hitting machine. But he can be sloppy and over-eager to land the Big One. "I keep my hands low to draw the other guy in. Plus it allows me to punch with either hand. I don't block shots, I slip them with head movement," he claims. But an aging Shufford was able to connect, despite Honeyghan's much touted speed and movement. If Honeyghan gets too cute with Curry, the Londoner will find his way to the Wembly showers quicker than he might like.

Both he and trainer Neil know the task ahead is a tough one. But Honeyghan is committed. For the eliminator fight, he bought a home and converted it to a training camp, and paid £200 of his own money for a video of Shufford. "Duff asked me if I wanted to spend the money, and I thought, what is £200, when it means getting a fight for £200,000?"

Honeyghan will earn every bit of that purse if the Curry fight comes off. The day after the Shufford victory, he was already back in training, already meeting with Neil forming a new battle plan. Conjecture over whether or not Curry will move up to campaign as a light middleweight does not concern him. "I've never been afraid of a fighter, and I really don't think Curry is so scary. He has two hands, two eyes, just like me. Maybe I'll be a little more fit, maybe I'll want it more when we fight."

Now that he has found a home with Neil and Duff, undefeated Honeyghan (27-0) is at last making the most of all that natural talent British aficienados have talked about. Despite lapses in concentration, he is a strong, hard-hitting boxer who keeps improving all the time. If confidence is the secret ingredient to winning a world title, he may well be on his way to scoring an upset. □

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Randy Roberts

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EDER JOFRE

by Nigel Collins

A rare photograph of Jofre training in Mexico. That's his father, Aristides, lacing on the gloves.

DURING THE EARLY '60S, THE NAMES ON THE LIPS OF MOST AMERICAN BOXing fans were Floyd Patterson, Sonny Liston, and a brash, young upstart called Cassius Clay. Those who followed the sport a little closer, and realized there was life beyond the heavyweight division, also knew about Emile Griffith, Dick Tiger and Carlos Ortiz. But only the real *cognoscente*, the faithful readers of *The Ring*, and a handful of sports writers ever heard of Eder Jofre. More the shame, because Jofre was not only the finest fist fighter Brazil ever produced; he was arguably the best bantamweight of the last 50 years.

Standing only 5′4″, Jofre was a handsome fellow with a shock of black curly hair. He boxed out of a classic, stand-up stance with his chin ducked down behind his shoulder. His footwork was economical, but effective. However, it was when he hooked off the jab, or crossed his right, that the secret of his success was truly revealed. Simply stated, Jofre was one of the hardest punching bantams to ever lace on the gloves. During one stretch, from June of '60 until May of '65, he scored 17 consecutive knockouts—nine of them in world title bouts.

''Jofre fought a little bit like Alexis Arguello,'' remembers veteran matchmaker Teddy Brenner. ''A great fighter, a great puncher.''

Jofre was born on March 26, 1936 in Sao Paulo. His amateur career peaked at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics when he was outpointed by Chile's Claudio Barrientos in the quarter-finals. Eder, who was trained by his father, Aristides, made his professional debut on his 21st birthday in his hometown, stopping Raul Lopez in the fifth round. By his sixth pro bout, Jofre was fighting 10-rounders.

Jofre's nemesis during those early days was Ernesto Miranda, the Argentine bantamweight champion, who held Eder to a pair of 10-round draws his rookie year. Their rivalry was settled beyond a doubt in 1960, when Jofre decisioned Miranda over 15 rounds for the South American 118-pound belt, and then knocked out Ernesto in three rounds in their fourth and final meeting.

The next order of business for Jofre was a match with Barrientos, the man who had ended his bid for Olympic gold. Eder knocked out his old amateur rival in eight rounds.

With world title opportunities limited in South America, Jofre traveled to Los Angeles in August of 1960, impressing everyone with a 10th round kayo over high-ranking Mexican contender Jose Medal. Later the same month, world bantamweight champion Jose Becerra was knocked out by fellow Mexican Eloy Sanchez

Eder Jofre (right) attacks Johnny Jamito on his way to a 12th round TKO in defense of his bantamweight title. Jofre was a terrific puncher, scoring 50 knockouts in an overall record of 72-2-4.

in a non-title fight and announced his retirement, leaving the championship vacant. Jofre was matched with Sanchez for the NBA (forerunner of the WBA) version of the title.

The match was held at the Olympic in Los Angeles before a large gathering of pro-Sanchez rooters. But when Jofre caught Sanchez coming in with a right to the jaw, the Mexican practically took a backflip before his body struck the canvas with a resounding thud. It was a clean-cut knockout and Eloy lay outstretched for several minutes before regaining consciousness.

Jofre made his first defense of the NBA crown the following March, knocking out Piere Rollo in the 10th round in Rio de Janeiro. The victory also brought him *The Ring*'s recognition as world champion, but it wasn't until his third defense—a 10th round kayo over Johnny Caldwell—that Eder achieved undisputed ownership of the bantamweight title.

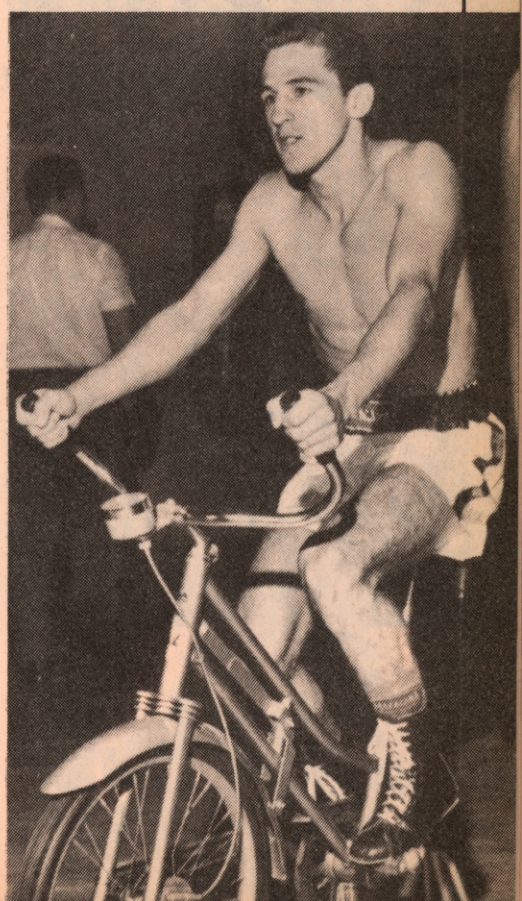
Over the next several years Jofre circled the globe, successfully defending his title in such diverse locations as San Francisco, Tokyo, Bogota, and Quezon City. Then, in his ninth defense, he was upset in a savage 15-rounder with Japan's Fighting Harada in Nagoya on May 15, 1965. When Harada won a rematch the next year in another close decision, a discouraged Jofre announced his retirement.

Two years later he returned to the ring as a featherweight, racking up 14 straight wins at 126 pounds before winning the WBC featherweight title with a controversial 15-round split decision over Jose Legra on May 5, 1973 in Brasilia—a remarkable achievement for a man 37 years old.

Jofre only made one defense of his new title, stopping former featherweight champion Vicente Saldivar in four rounds. It was to be Eder's last great performance. When he refused to defend his crown against Venezuela's Alfredo Mercano, the WBC stripped him of the title. Undaunted, Jofre fought on, winning seven more bouts before retiring for good in 1976 with an overall record of 72-2-4 with 50 knockouts.

The post-World War II era has produced so many great bantamweights (Harada, Becerra, Ruben Olivares, Carlos Zarate, Jeff Chandler, to name but a few) that many of the old champs such as Pete Herman and Joe Lynch, once considered all-time greats, pale in comparison. And while there is always room for debate, Eder Jofre could very well be the best of them all. □

Jofre goes through his paces in the gym prior to his successful title defense over Herman Montes (KO10) in San Francisco on May 4, 1962. The great Brazilian only fought in the United States three times.



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Old-Timers

BENNY LYNCH

by Herbert G. Goldman

Benny Lynch raises his arm in victory after outpointing Small Montana for the "universally recognized" flyweight championship. Lynch is considered by many historians to be the greatest Scottish fighter of all-time.

ONCE IN EVERY TWENTY YEARS OR SO, EACH OF THE TRADITIONAL EIGHT weight divisions produces a great champion . . . one who clearly dominates the class and etches his name into stone as one of the undeniable all-time greats.

The flyweight division had Jimmy Wilde in the World War I era. Twenty years later, it had Benny Lynch. Twenty years after Lynch, there was Pascual Perez.

Benny Lynch was Scotland's first world champion, the greatest Scottish boxer of all-time, and one of the greatest flyweights in boxing history. In 1958, Nat Fleischer ranked him fifth among the flyweights in his all-time rankings, behind Wilde, Villa, Genaro, and LaBarba, but ahead of Elky Clark, Johnny Buff, Midget Wolgast, Peter Kane, and Pascual Perez.

Yes, Virginia, there were split titles in the old days, and there was no "universally recognized" world flyweight champion from 1927, when Fidel LaBarba retired to enter Stamford University, to 1937, when Lynch outpointed Small Montana at Wembley. By the time he fought Montana, Benny was a veteran of over 90 fights, most of them in Glasgow, Scotland, where he made his pro debut in 1931.

Lynch was a boxer-puncher, a dark little Scotsman with a great capacity for punishment who fought his way up from poverty in Glasgow's Gorbals. He was Scottish flyweight champ at 21, world champ at 22, and, sadly, a wrecked man at twenty-five—a hopeless alcoholic.

But "the memory of Benny Lynch" as his biographer, John Burrowes, wrote, "is that of a great fighter in the ring, not the terrible loser in life." Lynch beat all the leading flyweights of his day—Valentin Angelmann, Jackie Brown, Pat Palmer, Small Montana, Peter Kane, and Jackie Jurich. He won the world crown by stopping Brown in round two in Manchester on September 9, 1935, and never lost it in the ring. Scheduled to defend against Jurich in Glasgow on June 29, 1938, Benny weighed in at 118½ pounds. His title gone, Lynch stepped into the ring and kayoed Jurich in 12 rounds.

It was, ironically, his last hurrah. He was through as a fighter, and the scarcely more than ordinary K.O. Morgan outscored him in 12 rounds three months later. Six days after facing Morgan, Lynch met Roumania's Aurel Toma at Empress Hall in Earl's Court, London.

John Barleycorn, in the person of Toma, knocked out Lynch in the third round as fans screamed out "Drunk!" and "Hasbeen!" Benny's license was revoked. He had fought 110 pro contests, winning 82 (33 by kayo), losing 13, and drawing in 15.

Lynch died at the age of 33 in Glasgow's Southern General Hospital on August 7, 1946. A sad ending for one of boxing's greatest champions. □

Old-Timers

CHARLES (BUD) TAYLOR

BUD TAYLOR WAS CALLED "THE BLOND TERROR OF TERRE HAUTE," AND A lot more. Nat Fleischer called him the fifth best bantamweight of all-time, and Jimmy McLarnin called him possibly the toughest man he ever fought.

"He is the kind of battler who, win or lose, is a hit from the start," said the October, 1923 issue of *The Ring*. "His eternal aggressiveness, combined with a combative nature, never fails to make friends, and up to date he has never participated in a disappointing bout."

Taylor started his professional career in 1920, winning consistently in and around his native Terre Haute, Ind. until he attracted the attention of Eddie Long, who became his manager. A sixth round stoppage at the hands of Jimmy Kelly in Chicago was avenged in two subsequent no decision bouts, and Taylor gained what *The Ring* described as "overnight fame" when he held Pancho Villa almost even in a 10-round no decision bout in Chicago on September 8, 1923.

Sadly, Taylor killed two men in the ring—Frankie Jerome on January 11, 1924 and promising Filipino Clever Sencio on April 19, 1926. Bud talked of quitting after the death of Sencio, but reconsidered and won the vacant National Boxing Association world bantamweight title the following year.

Taylor was not universally recognized as champion. The New York State Athletic Commission considered Busy Graham champ, while the British Boxing Board of Control insisted Teddy Baldock was the title holder. Taylor, however, was the most widely recognized of the three. He was also the best fighter—by a comfortable margin.

Bud Taylor relinquished the NBA bantamweight title on August 21, 1927 and spent the remainder of his career in the featherweight division. In 1931, well past his prime, he was stopped in two rounds by Benny Bass and lost via disqualification to Lew Massey.

Taylor's overall professional record was 104-29-12 with 16 "no decisions" still untraced. He was easily the world's top bantam from late 1923 to 1928, beating, among many others, Phil Rosenberg, Abe Goldstein, Jimmy McLarnin, and Tony Canzoneri. *The Ring* described Taylor as "a fighter who punishes too much and hits too hard," and his place among the greatest bantamweights of all-time remains undisputed.

Bud Taylor died in Los Angeles on March 8, 1962—many years too soon, if men may judge such matters. His election to the Boxing Hall of Fame was many years too late. Ask anyone who ever saw him fight. □

Charles (Bud) Taylor was known "The Blond Terror Of Terre Haute." His "eternal aggressiveness" made him one of the most popular fighters of his era.

Old-Timers

SAM McVEY

The legendary Sam McVey's most famous contest was his 1909 "fight to the finish" against Joe Jeanette in Paris—a contest that saw Jeanette floored 27 times and McVea downed 11.

HE WAS NEVER A WORLD CHAMPION, BUT CHARLEY ROSE CALLED HIM ONE of the top 10 best heavyweights of all-time. He was black in an era when white fighters could avoid good black men and suffer no consequences. He was a hard hitter and a superb defensive fighter. He was Sam McVey, who died a young man at the age of 37, and was saved from a pauper's grave by none other than Jack Johnson, a man who had given him bad beatings almost twenty years before.

Sam was born in Oxnard, California on May 17, 1884 and entered the professional ring at the age of eighteen. Record books insist his February 27, 1903 bout with Johnson was McVey's first professional fight, but Sam had fought at least seven pro fights—six of them in Oxnard—before meeting Johnson for the "Negro Heavyweight Title" at Hazard's Pavilion in Los Angeles.

McVey lost that 20-round bout on points, as well as a return bout later on that year and a third encounter in San Francisco the following year—another 20-round fight that saw McVey battered severely and stopped in the final round. In between the first and second Johnson fights, McVey kayoed Kid Carter and Denver Ed Martin. His reputation was secure from that point on.

In 1907, following a repeat kayo over Martin, he took off for Paris, marking the start of an 11-year globe trotting career that would see him fight in France, England, Australia, Cuba, Argentina, Chile, and Panama—with trips home to the U.S. in 1914 and '15.

McVey was a bull-necked 5′10½″ 205-pounder with a pleasant disposition. He was a hard hitter who often charged opponents with his left arm extended like a battering ram.

Sam Langford, Joe Jeannette, McVey, Battling Jim Johnson, Harry Wills, and other top black heavies had to keep battling one another because most white fighters refused to fight them. McVey fought Langford 14 times, Jeannette five times, and Battling Jim Johnson seven.

McVey's most famous contest was his finish fight with Joe Jeannette in Paris on April 17, 1909—a contest that saw Jeannette floored 27 times and McVey downed 11. The bout ended after 49 rounds when Sam, both eyes shut, was unable to continue.

McVey, who never got a title shot due to Jack Johnson's reluctance to defend his laurels against men of his own race, retired after he was stopped in the fifth round by Harry Wills on February 17, 1918. He returned for two more fights in 1920, and then quit for good—dying at the age of 37 a year later, on December 23, 1921.

Sam was one of only three men to kayo the celebrated Joe Grim, and white contenders brave enough to meet McVey were usually knocked out in a hurry. South Africa's George (Boer) Rodel was kayoed in the first round; Australia's Bill Lang went out in the second; Canadian Arthur Pelkey was belted out in four. McVey's overall record was 57-12-8 with 11 no decision bouts and one no contest.

Sam McVey deserved much better out of life than he received. If there is really a Valhalla for great fistic stars, then McVey is probably feasting with his fellow heroes—celebrating his election to the Boxing Hall of Fame. □

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NAT LANGHAM

WANT A GOOD BOXING TRIVIA QUESTION? OKAY, WHO WAS THE ONLY MAN to win the world heavyweight title after losing a bid for the world's middleweight crown?

Give up? Tom Sayers, The Napoleon of the Prize Ring, considered by many historians as the greatest of all bare knuckle champs. The middleweight champion who turned back Tom's challenge was Nat Langham—who became the only man to ever beat the celebrated Sayers.

Langham, a 5'10" 11-stoner, was considered a heavyweight title threat himself until he lost a 117-round battle against Harry Orme in 1851, a contest *Bell's Life* called "one of the gamest battles the annals of the ring can boast." It was the only fight he ever lost.

Born in Hinckley, Leicestershire, in May of 1820, Langham got involved with boxing around 1840, when, having moved to Leicester, he was employed to "deliver goods with a horse and cart," as he told old-time British journalist Henry Downes Miles. Dick Cain, Langham's mentor, often urged him to "put on the mittens" (training gloves; all prize ring fights were fought with bare fists only) with local toughs. In 1842, Nat beat Tom Lowe in 43 rounds, afterwards defeating Bill Crozier and Ned Ellis in eight rounds each.

Langham's first fight of notice was against William Ellis of Sabcote, a village adjacent Hinckley, on February 9, 1843, Nat winning in, again, eight rounds. On May 4, 1847, Langham's 67-round win over Australia's Bill Sparks put him in the forefront of 11-stoners, and his 61-round victory over Sayers on October 18, 1853 confirmed his position as "champion of the middleweights"—the first man to hold that title.

The first world middleweight champion retired in 1854, returned to draw with Ben Caunt in a "grudge fight" on September 9, 1857, and died in Leicester Square in London on September 1, 1871. □

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The Queensberry rules gained wide acceptance following John L. Sullivan's 1883-84 exhibition tour, and had completely supplanted bare knuckle prize fights by the mid-1890s. Modern commissions have extensive rules regarding conduct during bouts, and many amendments have been made to the 12 rules written by John Graham Chambers. Nonetheless, they form the core of modern boxing rule books. The sport enjoyed by boxing fans in 1986 is essentially the sport created by John Graham Chambers 119 years ago. □

THE MERITS OF COMPUTERIZED PUNCH COUNTING

by Robert Canobbio & Logan Hobson
Co-Founders Of CompuBox, Inc.

THERE ARE ALWAYS AT LEAST TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO JUDGING A PROFESsional boxing match, there are often as many opinions as there are spectators. Because of the highly subjective nature of the boxing judge's art, our sport is less dependant on "statistics" than most. However, in an effort to bring innovative programming to their boxing broadcasts, Home Box Office recently began using a computerized punch-counter called "Punchstat." Some folks like this method of counting hits and misses, others don't. *The Ring's* Senior Writer, Joseph D'O'Brian, is among those who feel that "Punchstat" is "patent nonsense," and he said so in no uncertain terms in his May '86 article, "Outsmarting Your TV Set." In the spirit of fair play, *The Ring* now presents a rebuttal.

—The Editor

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EXAMPLE: Mike Tyson threw a lot of body shots and connected with most of them.

EXAMPLE: Mike Tyson threw 144 body shots and landed 110 of them.

Joseph D'O'Brian missed the point completely in the May issue of *The Ring* in his article, "Outsmarting Your TV Set." Mr. D'O'Brian apparently does not understand "PunchStat," which he described as "punch gun, or whatever they call it."

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(April 19, 1986)
By CompuBox

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143	TOTAL JABS CONNECTED	145
41.2	PERCENT OF JABS LANDED	33.0
333	OTHER PUNCHES THROWN	284
153	OTHER PUNCHES CONNECTED	148
45.9	PERCENT OF OTHER PUNCHES LANDED	52.1
0	TOTAL KNOCKDOWNS	0
15.1	PUNCHES THROWN PER MINUTE	16.1
45.3	PUNCHES THROWN PER ROUND	48.3
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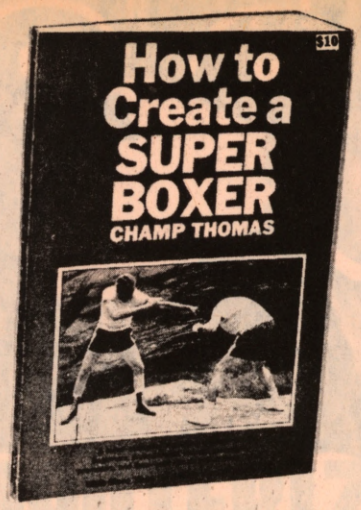

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

James Smith W10 Jesse Ferguson
Mike Tyson W10 Mitch Green
Gerry Cooney KO1 Eddie Gregg
Jose Ribalta KO5 David Jaco
Terry Anderson KO1 Franklin Otts
Eric Curry W10 Dee Collier
Horace Notice W10 Mike Jameson
Rocky Valero W12 Mauricio Villegas
(Won Mexican Title)
Pierre Coetzer KO6 K.P. Porter
Bennie Knoetze Wdisq8 Mike Cohen
Don Spellman W10 Linwood Jones

CRUISERWEIGHTS

Chisanda Mutti KO11 Dave Russell
(Retained Commonwealth Title)
Evander Holyfield KO5 Terry Mims
Louis Pergaud KO4 Sammy Reeson
Al Shoffner KO2 Henry Milligan
Michael Greer KO3 Alan Whitfield
Shaun Ayers KO4 Tonga Kid

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Marvin Mack KO11 Poncho Carter
(Won Vacant Cont. Americas Title)
Roddy MacDonald W12 Tony Morrison
(Retained Canadian Title)
David Sears W10 Jack Johnson
Noel Magee KO1 Geoff Rymer
Mike DeVito KO5 Dave Overton

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Michael Olajide W10 Randy Smith
Ed Priester W8 Earl Boger
Michael Nunn KO3 Felipe Vaca
Errol Christie KO4 Carlton Warren
Troy Darrell KO7 Ralph Smiley
Mustafa Hamsho KO4 Ernie White
Darryl Spain KO10 Carl Jones
Ron Essett KO4 Joe McKnight
Charles Carter W10 Alex Ramos
Tony Thornton KO2 Earnest Jackson
Jimmy Cable Draw8 Tony Meszaros
Mao de la Rosa KO2 Roberto Riasco
Knox Brown W6 Rocky Trampler

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Buster Drayton W15 Carlos Santos
(Won IBF Title)
David Braxton W12 Kenny Snow
(Retained NABF Title)
Julian Jackson KO2 Derrick Drane
Matthew Hilton KO1 Bobby McCorvey
Said Skouma KO4 Alfonso Redondo
(Retained European Title)
Chris Pyatt KO1 Thomas Smith
Don Shiver W10 Jose Angulo
Loche Austin KO5 Graeme Looker
Ismael Negron W6 Dennis Milton

WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Bumphus TW6 Marlon Starling
(Won USBA Title)
Lloyd Honeyghan KO8 Horace Shufford
Simon Brown KO3 Shawn O'Sullivan
Mark Breland KO1 Ricky Avendano
Kirkland Laing W10 Mike Picciotti
Bobby Joe Young W10
Felipe Montellano
Felipe Canela KO8 Alphonso Long
(Won Vacant California State Title)
Brian Brunette KO7 Cocoa Sanchez
Eric Martin KO8 Garry Williams
Kenny Lopez KO7 Javier Suazo
Tim Rabon KO2 Donald Varnado
Donny Poole KO4 Collier Kellar
Mauricio Rodriguez KO3 Dario DeJesus
Miguel A. Dominguez KO7
Sammy Matos
John Munduga W8 Leland Hart
Rollie Fingers W8 Reggie Miller
Curtis Summit W8 Nelson Ortiz
Mack Brown W8 Mike Tricarico
George Collins W8 Dennis Sigouin
Gary Flear W8 Billy Edwards

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Frankie Warren W12 Ronnie Shields
(Won USBA Title)
Tony Laing W12 Clinton McKenzie
(Retained British Title)
Mitchell Julien KO5 Ted Michaliszyn
Buddy McGirt KO10 Ricky Young
Brian Baronet W10 Joey Ruiz
Terry Marsh KO7 Rick Kaiser
Ozzie O'Neal KO6 Bruce Williams
Vinnie Pazienza W10 Harry Arroyo
Tony McKenzie W10 Mike Harris
Allen Braswell W8 Milton Leaks
Sanford Ricks W8 George Leach

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Jimmy Paul W15 Cubanito Perez
(Retained IBF Title)
Greg Haugen W12 Edwin Curet
(Won Vacant NABF Title)
Meldrick Taylor W10 Harold Brazier
Tony Willis KO9 Steve Boyle
(Retained British Title)
Frankie Randall KO2 Sammy Fuentes
Michael Marsden KO10 Peter Crook
Graeme Brooke W10 Carlos Parcia
Ken Foreman KO3 Paul Cook

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Alfredo Layne KO9 Wilfredo Gomez
(Won World Title)
Julio Cesar Chavez KO5
Faustino Barrios
(Retained WBC Title)
Barry Michael KO4 Mark Fernandez
(Retained IBF Title)
Kenny Baysmore W12 Anthony English
(Won Vacant USBA Title)
Tony Lopez KO2 Arnel Arrozal
Cleo Garcia KO3 Emilio Diaz
Najib Daho KO1 Pat Cowdell
(Won British Title)
Keith Stevenson KO5 Keith Cameron
Paul DeVorce W10 Troy Davis
Tom Hanks KO7 John Wright
Steve Sims W10 Tony Borg
(Retained Welsh Title)

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ki-Yung Chung W15 Richard Savage
(Retained IBF Title)
Mike Ayala W10 Hector Cortez
Irving Mitchell KO5 Ramon Rico
(Won Vacant California State Title)
Antonio de la Paz W10 Adrian Arreola
Tony Pep W10 Arnel Arrozal
Tracy Harris W6 Ricky West

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ji-Won Kim KO2 Rudy Casicas
(Retained IBF Title)
Jesse Benavides KO1
Gerardo Velasquez
Carlos Zarate W10 Jesus Muniz

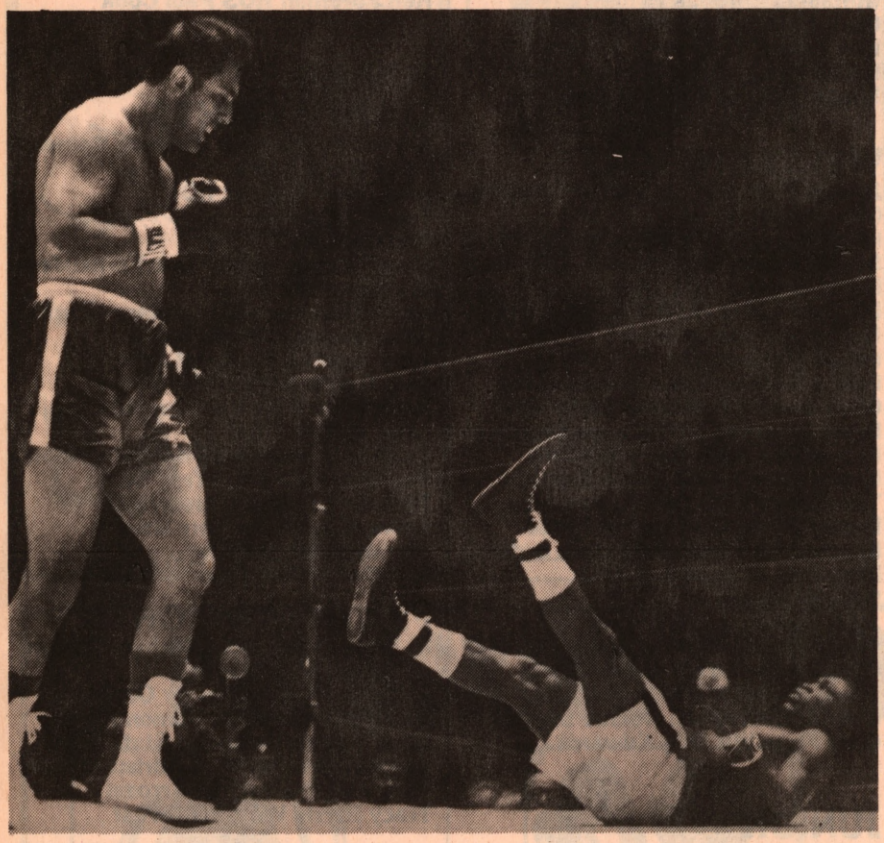
BANTAMWEIGHTS

Bernardo Pinango W15 Gaby Canizales
(Won World Title)
Gilberto Roman W12 Edgar Monserrat
(Retained WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Wilfredo Vasquez KO4 Jose Cervantes
Frankie Duarte KO6 George Garcia
Gilbert Contreras KO3 Capri Lipkins
Ray Gilbody KO3 Shane Silvester

FLYWEIGHTS

Duke McKenzie KO5 Charlie Magri
(Won European Title)
Pedro Jose Feliciano W10 Raul Valdez

ASK THE ANSWERMAN



Dick Tiger hits the deck during his "pier-sixer" with Frankie DePaula in Madison Square Garden. Tiger bounced back to win a unanimous 10 round decision.

Q: Who did Howard Davis, Jr. beat to win the Gold Medal in the 1976 Olympics?

SHANE SIMMONS
Doran, Va.

A: *Davis copped the gold with a unanimous decision over Simion Cutov of Roumania.*

Q: Where can I write to Marvelous Marvin Hagler?

JOSE ROJAS
Huntington Beach, Calif.

A: *Write to the marvelous one c/o Goody Petronelli, P.O. Box 86, Bridgewater, Mass. 02324.*

Q: Who was the oldest man to win the world heavyweight title?

TRIB PERRY, JR.
Greensboro, N.C.

A: *Jersey Joe Walcott, who was 37 when he kayoed Ezzard Charles to win the title in 1951.*

Q: What is Muhammad Ali's full Islamic name?

RICKEY WYATT
Forest City, N.C.

A: *Muhammad Ali Haj.*

Q: Did Sugar Ray Robinson have his amateur fights under the name Ray Robinson or under his real name, Walker Smith?

SHERWOOD H. WILLITS
Portland, Ore.

A: *The Sugar Man's amateur fights were fought under the name Ray Robinson.*

Q: Where did *The Ring* rank Tim Witherspoon immediately prior to his bout with Larry Holmes?

P. MAURO
Coronado, Calif.

A: *Tenth. He went up a notch to ninth after the fight.*

Q: Where can I get *Pugilato*, the European record book?

FRODE ALM
Drammen, Norway

A: *Write to Dott. Giuseppe Ballarati, Via Giacomo della Marca, 43-00125 Acilia, Rome, Italy.*

Q: Did Benny Leonard ever appear in vaudeville with the Marx Brothers?

LEROY MARSHALL
Roanoke, Va.

A: *Yes. Benny appeared in the Marx's vaudeville act, On The Mezzanine*, during 1921-22.

Q: Was Dick Tiger's decision victory over Frank DePaula unanimous or split?

SAMMY BEHLER
Stockton, Calif.

A: *It was unanimous. The fight, a classic pier-sixer, took place in Madison Square Garden on October 25, 1968.*

Q: Who was the first Mexican to win a world title?

LOUIS JOUBERT
Fort Wayne, Ind.

A: *Battling Shaw. He won the world junior welterweight title by outpointing Johnny Jadick in New Orleans on February 20, 1933.*

Q: Who were the first brothers to win world titles?

HAROLD ISRAEL
Covington, Ky.

A: *The Attells, featherweight champ Abe and bantamweight title claimant Monte.*

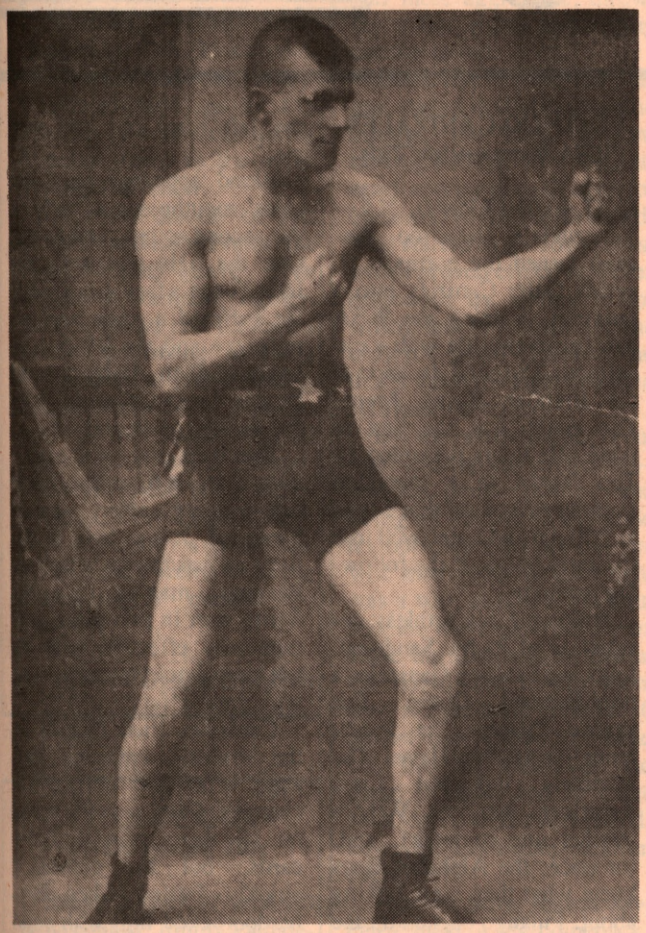
Q: Has *The Ring* ever recognized the junior flyweight division?

ALBERT CONTI
New Orleans, La.

A: *No.* □

VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

by CHARLIE SPINA



George Leslie Peirce

LESTER M. BELL, RETIRED WASHINGton, D.C. newspaper reporter, has researched the boxing career of his grandfather, George Leslie Peirce, and wishes to share his findings with readers of *The Ring*.

Peirce, the self-styled welterweight champion of the South, fought out of New Orleans and Louisville during the 1890s. Peirce was born July 15, 1875 in New Orleans. His father was descended from Solomon Peirce, a Minuteman who was wounded at the Battle of Lexington. His mother was an Acadian whose forebears came to Louisiana in the late 18th century.

Much of Peirce's ring record is shrouded in mystery, but Bell has managed to track down the following bouts: Peirce fought Andy Bowen three times, winning over 17 rounds and drawing in 20 and 25-round contests. Peirce also battled to a 79-round draw with Jack Everhardt. He beat Australian Jimmy Ryan in eight and knocked out Peter Peterson, known as "The Terrible Swede," in three rounds. Others Peirce crossed gloves with were Frank Garcia (KO4), Jack Fogarty (KO3), Bob Douglas (L8), and Jack Moffatt (L8).

When Pierce's fighting days were over, he became a minor league catcher, a policeman, and finally a railroad worker. He died one stormy night in May of 1923 when he was struck by a bolt of lightning while working as a brakeman on the Missouri Pacific line in Arkansas. Mr. Bell is trying to put together Peirce's complete ring record and would appreciate any help. He can be reached at: Rt. 4, Box 446, Edenton, NC 27932.

THE NVBA RING 20 HELD THEIR ANNUal dinner-dance at Vecchiarello's restaurant in Little Ferry, New Jersey. A nice turnout was on hand to honor the following members: Fred Farina, Tony Carbone, Henry Hascup, Albert Taratula, and boxing writer Joe Bruno. Also honored was Miss Eileen Wilson, Ring 20's 1986 Queen of the Ring. . . . New Jersey State Boxing Commissioner Larry Hazzard was the Grand Marshall of the 8th Annual Black Heritage Day Parade, held in Newark, New Jersey. . . . Former boxer "Irish" Jimmy White, who is on the board of directors of Ring 8, New York City, is in Veterans Hospital in West Haven, Conn. suffering from spinal meningitis. Jimmy, who fought for manager Jack Curley, had over 50 pro fights. He saw service with a combat regiment in World War II and received three Purple Hearts for wounds sustained during the landings in Italy, Sicily, and France. Overall, he won 13 medals and citations. . . . Fresno's Billy Mahoney is planning to hold a Banquet of Champions in Reno, Nevada this summer. Former champions Lou Ambers, Archie Moore, Jimmy McLarnin, and Bobo Olson have made commitments to attend. . . . Recent inductees into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame are Rocky Castellani, Marcel Bizien, Tex Gonzalez, Larry Hazzard, Mickey Greb Ferrara, Dom Bufano, Eddie Allen, Nick Abate, Frank Shain, Ace Buckley, and Hymie Kugel.

THE LAST ROUND: TOMMY FREEMAN, 82, died recently at his home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Freeman won and lost the welterweight title to Young Jack Thompson during a 185-bout career (only 16 losses) that spanned 18 years. Tommy fought the best, including: Paul Doyle, Joe Dundee, Johnny Indrisano, Jackie Zivic, Sgt. Sammy Baker, Gorilla Jones, Andy DiVodi, Georgie Levine, Paul Pirrone, Jackie Fields, Teddy Yarosz, Canada Lee, Alabama Kid, and many more. . . . Jerry Dunn, 64, a chief inspector for the British Board of Boxing Control, died April 2nd at his home in London of a lung infection. . . . Donna Tracy, 53, treasurer of the Golden State Boxers and Wrestlers Association, passed away recently at her home in Eagle Rock, California. Donna was regarded as the No. 1 lady fight fan on the west coast. Her TV fight night bashes will be missed by her many friends. Tommy, Jerry. and Donna, Rest in Peace. □

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

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Bernardo Pinango displays the WBA bantamweight belt shortly after upsetting Gaby Canizales via a 15-round decision. Pinango also won THE RING'S Fighter of the Month Award.

Bernardo Pinango, one of Venezuela's unsung fistic heroes, won the world bantamweight title with an upset unanimous decision over defending champion Gaby Canizales in East Rutherford, N.J. and picked up *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month designation somewhere on the way.

Buster Drayton is in the runner-up spot by virtue of his convincing decision over Carlos Santos for the vacant IBF junior middleweight title. Drayton augmented his own natural ability with the skills and knowledge he'd gained as a sparring partner for Marvelous Marvin Hagler to win handily, although one of the judges somehow called the fight a draw.

Alfredo Layne gets honorable mention for winning the world junior lightweight title with a ninth round knockout over defending champion Wilfredo Gomez. Wilfredo, who had looked virtually unbeatable during his reign as WBC super bantamweight king, had been washed up for some time, but give Layne credit for making the most of his opportunity.

And let's not forget **Gerry Cooney** (lest he feel slighted and go back into seclusion), who began his second comeback go with a devastating first round kayo over Eddie Gregg. □

PINANGO-CANIZALES
WBA Bantamweight Title

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.—Venezuela's Bernardo Pinango turned the normally tigerish Gaby Canizles into a pussycat, winning the WBA bantamweight title with a unanimous 15-round decision at the Brendan Byrne Arena. The match was the first of three title bouts presented by Top Ranks in a marathon evening of boxing that began at 7:30 pm and lasted well into the early hours of the following morning.

Following his ruthless destruction of Richie Sandoval, folks were calling Canizales a mini-Roberto Duran. But against Pinango, he fought more like a Gabby Hayes. The relatively unknown Latin American was the WBA's number one contender, and, for once, the Alphabet Boys knew what they were talking about. Pinango backed up the normally aggressive Canizales from the onset, easily winning the title by scores of 147-138 (Nick Drake), 148-144 (Uriel Aguilar), and 146-142 (Ove Ovessen). *The Ring* tally was an overwhelming 148-138 for the new champion.

Although both men weighed an even 118, the taller Pinango looked as strong as a featherweight. He unflinchingly absorbed the best punches Canizales had to offer, while belaboring Gaby with an assortment of long-armed blows from both hands.

"I tried to be aggressive," said Canizales. "But he was so strong. He would just stick the left hand out and stop me."

Blood appeared on Canizales' mouthpiece as early as the second round, and by the time the fight was over, the little Texan's face was a mess. He suffered a gash over his right eye and the left was so badly swollen, Gaby claimed he was "seeing double" from the eighth round onward.

The fight was such a startling contrast from Canizales' title-winning effort against Sandoval, it was hard to believe he was the same fighter. Pinango, making only his fourth start in two years, was especially effective with his left hand, hooking and jabbing with great effect.

Canizales tried to rally in the seventh, engaging Pinango in several spirited exchanges. Gaby won the round on all three official scorecards, but his comeback quickly fizzled when Bernardo rocked him with solid combinations during the closing seconds of the eighth.

The challenger really poured on the punches in the ninth, and although Canizales kept trying, he was hopelessly outgunned. By the 12th, the fight had turned into a rout, and Pinango breezed home a comfortable winner.

Pinango, who won a silver medal in the 1980 Olympics, raised his record to 18-2-2 (12 kayoes). The two loses were to Raul Gonzales (later reversed) and Jesus Torres, both by decision.

"I was surprised by the way he (Canizales) fought," said the happy winner, speaking through his manager/trans-

lator, Luis Spada. "I was thinking he would come forward. I feel I can do even better than I did tonight. I was a little worried about going 15 for the first time, but I was well prepared and could have gone 20 rounds."

Canizales, whose record dropped to 33-3 (26 kayoes), said he ate "cake and everything" to bulk up to 118 pounds, and is considering dropping down to the super flyweight division.

Since the demise of Jeff Chandler and Lupe Pintor, the bantamweights have been without a dominant fighter. Both Sandoval and Canizales looked promising winning their titles, but faded quickly as champions. Now, Pinango joins WBC boss Miguel (Happy) Lora and IBF champion Jeff Fenech at the top of the heap. How long he stays there is anybody's guess. For inconsistency seems to be the bantamweights' current byword.

NIGEL COLLINS

PAUL-PEREZ
IBF Lightweight Title

IT SEEMED LIKE IT WOULD be no contest: Jimmy Paul defending his International Boxing Federation lightweight title against Irleis (Cubanito) Perez, the man who was awarded a highly debatable, to say the least, decision over club fighter Pat Jefferson in Las Vegas on April 15, 1985.

But it wound up a whale of a fight. Paul won; there was no question (although one judge carded it a draw), but Perez won a couple of rounds at the beginning and a couple of more rounds at the end. Cubanito actually had Jimmy very tired in the 14th round—tired to the point where some fans at the Brendan Byrne Arena fantasized about a knockout.

The first round opened with both fighters throwing jabs in an effort to judge distance. After a minute, single jabs were thrown with anger. Perez was more aggressive, throwing a few rights and edging out the round.

Cubanito, 134¾, Las Vegas, stayed in slight command through the third session, making Jimmy, 135, Detroit, reach and lay himself open for counters. In the fourth round, Paul started to go downstairs, which proved effective. Perez responded by mixing it up, which left him open for the champ's right hand. And that's when the fight began to go Jimmy's way.

By the sixth round, Paul was in complete command—jabbing, double jabbing, and doing all the rest of the good textbook stuff the pro trainers will teach you. Round eight was a war, at times, but Paul was the more accurate. Perez came out like hell on fire in the ninth, and it was more war. A right hand in round 10 almost tore Cubanito's head off, but the westerner had come to fight, and he came back for more. In every round, however, the champ held an edge.

The last three rounds saw Perez make a big comeback. A right hand shook Paul in the 13th, and the action was toe-to-toe for most of the round. Paul seemed to be wearing down. A left knocked him across the ring—off balance—in the 14th, and a good right rattled him later in the round. Cubanito, however, was not able to pull the fight out of the fire with a knockout, and the last round saw the two men mix it up on fairly even terms. It had been a good fight, although the critics were still not overly impressed with Perez; they simply felt that they had overrated Paul.

The official scoring was a majority decision for Paul, much closer than expected: Paul Gibbs (Washington), 143-142; Rocky Castellani (New Jersey), 144-141; Ed Levine (Florida), 143-143. *The Ring* carded 146-142. "Arum's used his options up on Paul," one wag commented. "He wanted Perez to win, and that's what influenced the judges." More likely is that something in the Jersey air makes boxing judges' eyes cloud in fights longer than eight rounds. (See Nigel Collins' report on the Drayton-Santos bout, which also ended in a majority decision.) The loss dropped Perez to 31-2 with 24 knockouts. His only other defeat was to Hector (Macho) Camacho via 10-round unanimous decision in Phoenix, Ariz. on April 3, 1983.

"He was overtrained," Paul's manager, Emanuel Stewart, explained in the dressing room. "He'd been training for (Darryl) Tyson, and they cancelled that, and then he was in the gym for Perez. All he needs is four weeks of rest and he'll be fine."

Paul, now 25-1 with 19 kayoes, may find himself in against WBC champion Camacho in the fall. Let's hope he's better rested for the Macho Man.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

Jimmy Paul (right) had to withstand a strong closing rally by challenger Cubanito Perez to retain his IBF lightweight crown via a majority decision over 15 action-packed rounds.

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DRAYTON-SANTOS
Vacant
IBF Junior Middleweight

FOR MOST OF HIS CAREER, Philadelphia's Buster Drayton was an "opponent," shipped around the globe as fodder for local favorites. He was considered a rugged test, but certainly not a threat to win a world championship. When he wasn't on the road tilting local windmills. Buster earned his daily bread as one of Marvelous Marvin Hagler's regular sparring partners. Somewhere along the way, Drayton got the notion that he was as good, if not better, than most of the guys he was supposed to lose to. Soon, the wins started outnumbering the loses and Buster found himself inching up the junior middleweight rankings. Drayton's long odyssey out of obscurity finally reached its climax at the Brendan Byrne

Arena, where he captured the vacant IBF crown with a 15-round majority decision over Carlos Santos in the third and final match of Bob Arum's "Triple Crown."

Santos, 153, Puerto Rico, is a former IBF champion, having won the 154-pound belt from Mark Medal in 1984. After one successful defense, Santos was stripped for inactivity. But when Drayton's original opponent, Davey Moore, was injured in training, Carlos got the chance to rewin the title he'd never lost in the ring.

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the fight was the relative ease with which Drayton was able to land his looping, roundhouse punches. Southpaw Santos is known as a slick, defensive specialist, but, from the opening bell, Buster connected with regularity. His blows were consistantly harder, and there were times when one had to wonder what was keeping Santos on his feet.

Drayton, 152¾, is a highly unorthodox fighter. Besides frequently switching from an orthodox to a southpaw stance, he often throws punches from seemingly inconceivable angles with considerable power. Put this all together with an iron jaw and you have a pretty tough customer . . . as Santos soon found out.

There were times when Drayton allowed Santos to steal a round or two with a busier work rate, but, overall, Buster's heavier punches carried the fight. Drayton was also guilty on several occasions of hurting Carlos and then letting him off the hook. This was especially true in the fourth, 10th, and 13th rounds, when the Puerto Rican looked ready to go after fielding booming combinations to the head. But if nothing else, Santos proved extremely durable.

At times, the bout degenerated into a low blow festival, with both men digging hard shots to the groin. But referee Tony Orlando seemed unconcerned. It was that kind of no-holds-barred fight.

When a clash of heads busted open a nasty gash over Santos' left eye in the 11th, Carlos temporarily ran out of steam, and Buster cemented his victory by sweeping 12th, 13th and 14th rounds. However, Santos hooked up with Drayton for a thrilling toe-to-toe finish, winning the last round on all three official scorecards.

Although *The Ring* scored the fight for Drayton by a wide 147-139 margin, the three judges had it much, much closer. Judge Roberto Ramirez of Puerto Rico came up with a 143-143 stalemate, but judges John Stewart and Carol Polis saw that justice was served, giving the fight to Drayton by scores of 145-141 and 145-140, respectively.

"Hard work pays off, but I was getting more heck from my corner than from Santos," laughed Drayton, who had to endure constant and contradictory instructions from Mickey Duff, Boogaloo Watts, and Ivan Cohen throughout the fight.

"I know a lot of you writers look at me as an up and down fighter, but Santos caught me on the upstroke," continued Buster after improving his record to 28-9-1 (20 kayoes). "In the last couple of rounds, I knew I had him. I felt it."

Despite the artistic success of the card, it was a big loser at the gate, attracting a slender, albeit enthusiastic, crowd of only 3,219. Although Arum blammed the apathetic New York City press corps for his misery, the real problem was obvious—none of the fighters were local. Nevertheless, SHOWTIME, the cable network that footed the bill, got three excellent title fights for their subscribers. In these days of overweight heavyweights and splintered championships, that's not a bad night's work.

Chris Guest, 162, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Bob Wasielewski, 162½, Bayonne, N.J., six. Scoring: Lynne Carter and Al DeVito, both 5-0-1; Phil Newman, 5-1. Paul Venti, referee. Guest is now 3-2-1. Wasielewski is 5-2-1 with four kayoes.

Zoilo Carmona, 160, New York, won an upset split decision over Pat Prisco, 157¼, Madison, N.J. six. Scoring: Carter, 4-1-1, Carmona; DeVito, 3-2-1, Carmona; Newman, 3-2-1, Prisco. Frank Cappuccino, referee. Carmona is now 8-4-1 with three kayoes. Prisco is 17-2-1 with five knockouts.

Mike Mohn, 193½, Shillington, Pa., floored Bob Dietlemeir, 225½, Toms River, N.J., for a TKO at 2:38 of the first round in their scheduled six. Paul Venti, referee. Mohn is now 10-0 with five knockouts. Dietlemeir is 5-1 with four kayoes.

Rip Rettig, 150, Bayonne, N.J., won a shutout unanimous decision over Eric Holland, 150¾, Philadelphia, in the four-round closer. Frank Cappuccino, referee. Retting is now 7-1 with three kayoes. Holland is 1-2-1.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Michael Buffer.
Top Rank, Inc.
(06-04-86)

NIGEL COLLINS

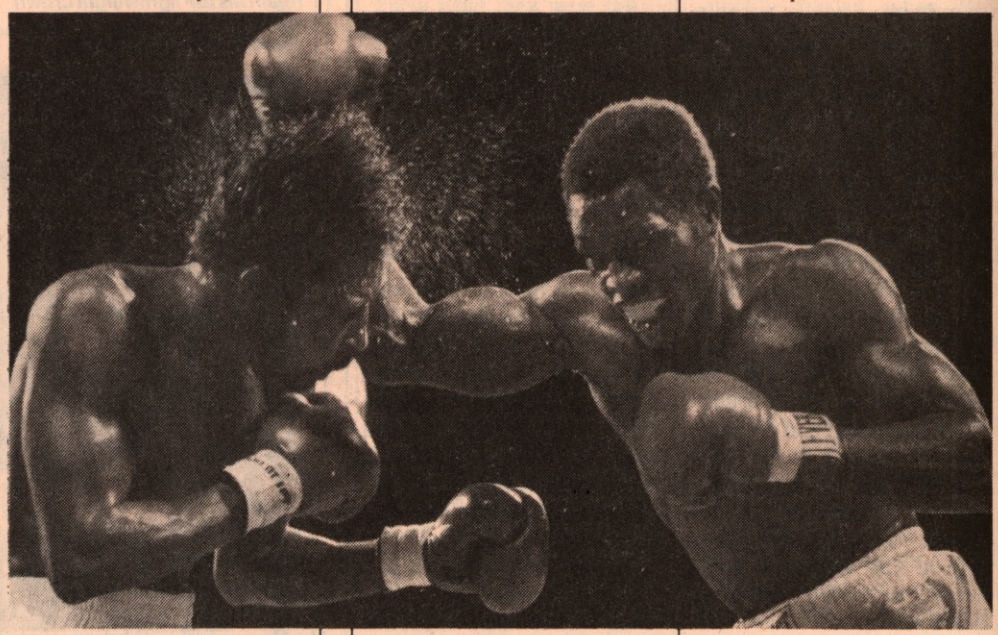
COONEY-GREGG

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—It took Gerry Cooney only 86 seconds to knock out Eddie Gregg and establish himself as the hottest commodity in the heavyweight division. "I'm ready to fight for the title now," Cooney said after the bout. He may just get his way.

Cooney has had three fights in the past four years, lasting a total of less than 18 minutes.

Gregg, 6'5" and 222 pounds, said he was "going right to him from the opening bell." Ken Norton tried the same thing five years ago, and Gregg ended up the same as Norton—a first round kayo victim. Gregg, now 24-2-2, had been ranked in the top 10 by both the WBC and WBA.

A host of big name press reporters showed up for Cooney's return. ABC-TV provided national exposure, but only 1,537 customers showed up at the Cow Palace;



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Philadelphia's Buster Drayton (right) sends the sweat flying with a right hook to the head of Carlos Santos. Drayton won the vacant IBJ junior middleweight title with a 15-round decision in East Rutherford.

it seemed much less. Cooney received $300,000, while Gregg was paid $50,000. There was no local TV blackout, and the card lost "*a lot*" of money for the local promoters.

Cooney's mother sat at ringside, receiving more media attention than some world champions. Cooney claimed that personal problems caused his inactivity and stated, "I'll be ready to fight again after a couple of weeks of rest. I don't care who I fight." Manager Dennis Rappaport said, "It could be Spinks, or Holmes, or Berbick. If it's Spinks, then I'm for a 50-50 split. Michael may be the champion, but Gerry is the draw.

Referee Rudy Ortega stopped the fight after Gregg was on Queer Street following the first and only knockdown.

Mike Ayala, 124½, San Antonio, Texas, won a split decision over Hector Cortez, 125½, Los Angeles, 10.

Darryl Spain, 163, Pittsburgh, halted Carl Jones, also 163, Los Angeles, in the 10th and final session.

Eric (The Prince) Martin, 142½, San Francisco, stopped Gary Williams, 146½, Los Angeles, in the eighth round of their scheduled 10.

Larry Villareal, 132, Fresno, Calif., outpointed Tim Brooks, also 132, Los Angeles, eight. The best bout on the card.

Terry Davis, 216, Vallejo, Calif., blasted out David Chilcott, 215½, Pittsburgh, in 0:45 of the first round for his third straight kayo win.

Promoter—Shy du Reaux.

Coordinator—Manny Piariano.

(05-31-86)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

LAYNE-GOMEZ

World Junior Lightweight Title

HATO REY, P.R.—WHEN Wilfredo Gomez won his third world crown, via a most controversial decision over Rocky Lockridge in 1985, he announced his intention to retire.

It would have been a wise decision. The Lockridge win, no matter how disputed the decision, was a major achievement—the fitting crown to a career that had seen the once great Gomez kayo seven past, present, or future world title holders—Albert Davila, Dong-Kyun Yum, Royal Kobayashi, Leonardo Cruz, Carlos Zarate, Juan (Kid) Meza, and Lupe Pintor.

A converted southpaw, Gomez had the will-o'-the-wisp movements of a Willie Pep combined with the punching power of a small Joe Louis. He once scored 32 consecutive knockouts—a record among smaller men in boxing. His ability to take punishment was also without question.

But when he lost his WBA junior lightweight title to Alfredo Layne of Panama in Roberto Clemente Coliseum, there was nothing left but sheer courage.

Through seven rounds, it was enough. Judges Michel Gliena, Lou Moret, and Julio Goldan all had Gomez leading, 77-75, 78-73, and 77-74, after eight frames. The veteran seemed, at times, to have more stamina than Layne, but a crushing right hand in the eighth round was the beginning of the end for Gomez.

Another right put the champ down before the round was over. His corner went to work and got Wilfredo out for the ninth session, but referee Stanley Christodoulou called a halt at 0:43 when a left-right combination to the head followed by three right hand leads dropped the defenseless Puerto Rican.

It was the end of a legend.

Former champion Rocky Lockridge was an interested ringside observer. "I would have preferred a Gomez rematch for obvious reasons," Lockridge said, "but now it looks like I may have to wait until this guy fights his so called 'optional' match." Layne is not obliged to meet Lockridge, the number one contender, in his first defense.

Bantamweight contender Wilfredo Vasquez knocked out Colombia's Jose Cervantes in a scheduled 10. Vasquez is in line for a rematch with WBC champion Miguel Lora.

John John Molina, Lou Duva's talented Puerto Rican featherweight prospect, knocked out veteran Jose (Speedy) Gonzalez in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.

Underdog Joe Rivera won a close decision over Rey Estades, 10. An early knockdown proved to be the difference.

(05-24-86)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

TYSON-GREEN

NEW YORK, N.Y.—THE RECently revamped Madison Square Garden boxing department teamed up with Don King for what was hoped to be the return of big time boxing to this former mecca of professional prize fighting. The main event pitted Mike Tyson, gunning for his 21st consecutive victory, against once-beaten (by WBC heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick) Mitch (Blood) Green. The match sounded good on paper, and the Garden hoped for an exciting fight and a healthy gate. They got neither. The arena was less than half-full and the main event was a one-sided bore.

Most of the excitement came at the weigh-in the day before the match. Green, upset at the fact that Tyson was getting the lion's share of the purse (a reported $200,000, as compared to $30,000 for Green), threatened to pull out of the fight. Jose Torres, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, told Green that if he reneged on the contract he would be barred from fighting anywhere in the United States. This prompted Green to show up, but whether he fought or not is strictly a matter of opinion.

Although James (Quick) Tillis extended Tyson with movement and uppercuts, most of Mike's recent victims have tried to stave off disaster by clinching at every opportunity. It soon became obvious that Green was intent on using the same tactic. He grabbed early and often, constantly wrapping both arms around Tyson's neck whenever Mike got close enough to inflict punishment.

Tyson, 215¼, tried his best to make the fight. He applied steady pressure, working both hands upstairs and down. If Green, 225, had any intentions of trying to win, they disappeared when Tyson sent his mouthpiece flying with a hard left hook in the second. A piece of Mitch's dental bridgework was dislodged in the process.

Green's spoiling tactics seemed to anger Tyson, who punched after the bell on several occasions and frequently rammed his head into Green's face as he barged forward. Referee Luis Rivera did nothing to check these blantant violations, but he took a point away from Green in the fourth for holding behind the head.

The fight (?) rapidly settled into an all too predictable pattern. Tyson would move in, land one—maybe two—decent punches, and then Green would tie him up in an octopus-like grasp. By the sixth round, most of the 6,259 disgruntled patrons were venting their displeasure with a series of boos and catcalls. And who could blame them? They had paid to see a boxing match, not a hug-a-thon.

Green, who showed a lot of guts, if little else, rallied briefly in the eighth, but most of his punches were slaps, and Tyson quickly regained control with superior fire-power. Tyson closed strongly in the last two rounds, but never came close to putting his opponent away.

The unanimous decision in Tyson's favor was a foregone conclusion. Judges Pat Dolan and George S. Colon both scored 9-1, while judge George DeGabriel saw it a tad closer at 8-2. *The Ring* saw Tyson a runaway winner, 10-0.

After the fight, both men were full of bull.

Green claimed he couldn't concentrate on the fight because he was still upset over the size of his purse.

"I'm no $2 fighter," fumed Mitch. "Man, you know I can fight better than that. I had no desire, no determination, no nothing because of that pay. As soon as I find out the pay, I can't fight."

Then Tyson, who had just spent 10 rounds trying to decapitate Green said: "I didn't wan't to knock him out. Going 10 rounds is fun. I was having a good time in there."

Sure, Mike. Whatever you say.

Matthew Hilton, 155, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, knocked out Bobby McCorvey, also 155, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1:50 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Nick Drake, referee. Hilton is now 22-0 with 18 knockouts. McCorvey is 16-3 with eight kayoes.

James (Buddy) McGirt, 139, Brentwood, New York, won the most competitive fight of the night when he TKO'd fellow New York prospect Ricky Young, 142, at 2:10 of the 10th and final session. Nick Drake, referee. A left hook floored Young in the 10th. McGirt is now 27-0-1 with 24 kayoes. Young is 16-3 with six knockouts.

Julian Jackson, 153½, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, TKO'd Derrick Drane, 155½, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, at 2:16 of the second round in their scheduled 10. Nick Drake, referee. Jackson, the Continental Americas super welterweight champion, is now 29-0 with 27 kayoes. Drane is 15-5 with 13 knockouts.

Former middleweight contender Mustafa Hamsho, 165, Brooklyn, N.Y., TKO'd Ernie White, 159½, Charleston, W. Va., at 1:22 of the fourth round in another scheduled 10. Carl Schroeder, referee. Hamsho is now 40-3-2 with 24 knockouts. White is 8-9 with three kayoes.

Pedro Juan Marquez, 165, Puerto Rico, made his pro debut by knocking out Jose Manuel Gonzales, 161, Puerto Rico, in 1:40 of the third round in a scheduled four. Luis Rivera, referee. Gonzales is now 1-1.

Chris Mazzola, 148½, Bronx, New York, won a majority decision over debuting Alberto Acevedo, 146, Bronx, four. Scoring: Paddy Dolan and George S. Colon, both 3-1; George DeGabriel, 2-2. Carl Schroeder, referee. Mazzola is now 5-2-1.

Two other four-round bouts were cancelled.

Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedraja.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

Don King Productions. HBO.

(05-20-86)

NIGEL COLLINS

HAUGEN-CURET
NABF Lightweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—GREG Haugen, newly-crowned North American Boxing Federation lightweight champion, will not return to action until August, traditionally the dog days of summer, and a time when he'd like to put the heat on Livingstone Bramble.

Whether any kind of a match can be made with the flamboyant World Boxing Association 135-pound kingpin is problematical, but it's possible Top Rank will move in that direction following the 25-year-old Haugen's latest triumph.

Promoter Bob Arum has an option on Haugen's services for one more fight. The way the undefeated Auburn, Wash., native handled Edwin Curet recently at the Showboat Hotel-Casino, Arum is confident he'll advance to the top ten among contenders.

Though it wasn't a pretty exercise to watch, Haugen, 133½, proved he was worthy of better things when he recorded a unanimous 12-round decision over Curet, 134, Brockton, Mass., who thoroughly frustrated his veteran cornermen, Pat and Goody Petronelli, with repeated holding and an erratic offense.

Haugen, winning the crown abdicated by Hector (Macho) Camacho last August when he beat Jose Luis Ramirez for the World Boxing Council diadem in Las Vegas, was going a new distance for the first time in lifting his record to 17-0-1 with nine kayoes and defeating a more experienced 25-year-old rival who had gone the route with Bramble (non-title), Crawley, and Robin Blake, the former number one contender.

Curet, a stablemate of world middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler, is now 20-5-2 with nine kayoes, losing for the first time since his fight with Bramble on October 24, 1984 in Atlantic City.

There were no knockdowns in a bruising matchup which saw Haugen finally take charge with wicked body blows, punishment that Curet tried to avert by smothering the smaller Haugen in clinches. Two judges had the fight even after six rounds, but the determined Washington fighter drew clear by winning all remaining rounds except the 12th.

In the official voting, Las Vegas judges Dave Moretti and Dalby Shirley had it 118-110, and 116-112, respectively; Terry Smith of Sacramento saw it 116-113—all for Haugen. *The Ring's* tab was 117-113 for the winner.

"I was getting stronger as the fight went on," the unmarked Haugen reported. "I thought Curet was tiring, especially in the last four rounds. He kept holding me and smiling when I hit him. Whenever a fighter smiles when you hit him, you know you've hurt him."

"I was gonna take my time. I didn't care whether I won in two rounds or 12 rounds. I enjoyed winning this fight because the Petronellis kept saying Curet had more experience and might knock me out. I stuck to my game plan even though he did a lot of holding. But Curet was just trying to survive."

Haugen, as well as his handlers, Wes Wolfe and Stan Tischler, feels the victory will escalate him in world ranking.

"After this, I expect to be rated," the compact boxer-puncher said. "I may eventually move my family to Las Vegas because this is where the action is. But now I'm going home to spend a few weeks with them and rest up. I'll probably fight again in August and I'd like for it to be Bramble. But I let my managers pick the opponents."

Haugen, who turned pro in Anchorage, Alaska in 1982, showed his maturity against Curet's clutching tactics, which drew repeated warnings from referee Carlos Padilla, but no point deductions.

"Sure, I was frustrated, but I didn't lose my head," Haugen admitted. "I couldn't afford to lose my concentration in there because Curet was always dangerous. He caught me a couple of times as I was moving back. I knew Chris Calvin hit a lot harder than Curet did, but I wasn't going to give him any free shots.

"The Petronellis kept saying about the world class people Curet had fought, but that was just a psyche game. I felt I was in total control. I didn't think Curet could outbox me and he didn't."

Wolfe was pleased with the way Haugen handled himself over the 12-round title route.

"Greg said he could have gone three more rounds," Wolfe advised. "I thought he could have been a little busier, and he didn't counter with his left hook over Curet's right the way I wanted him to. Haugen hurt his knuckle again in the fourth round, but it was nothing serious. Greg did just what he had to do to win, and I feel he proved himself well."

Neither Curet, cut near the right eye and bleeding from the nose, or the Petronellis were available for a post-fight review, the New England entourage repairing to their hotel

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

Greg Haugen (left) mixes it up with Edwin Curet on his way to winning the NABF lightweight title in Las Vegas. The win upped Haugen's pro record to 17-0-1, with nine knockouts.

rooms to ponder how a slick performer could look so drab in his first western invasion.

Javier Suazo, 145½, Tucson, Ariz., continued to improve, stopping game Kenny Lopez, 146, San Jose, Calif., on a TKO at 35 seconds of the seventh round in an ESPN Western Regional welterweight semi-final.

Suazo, now 15-2 with six kayoes, had Lopez down in the first and sixth rounds before Padilla halted the bout in the seventh. The latter's record dips to 14-4 with six kayoes.

In another 147-pound tourney semi-final, Rollie Willaims, 147, Phoenix, Ariz., held off the close of Reggie Miller, also 147, Lake Charles, La., to win a close but unanimous eight-round decision. Williams moves to 13-4 with six kayoes. Miller dips to 16-5 with 11 knockouts.

Cassius Clay Horne, 138, Phoenix, Ariz., improved his ledger to 10-1 with 10 kayoes when he chilled San Bernardino's Art Lizaraga in 2:45 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Reno's Willie Montana, 147½, recorded his fifth straight with a TKO over Manuel Mamuscia, 146½, Las Vegas at 25 seconds of the first round.

Danny Lindstrom, 174, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Los Angeles' Calvin Lewis, 175, six. Lindstrom is now 3-1-1 with one kayo. Lewis is 1-1.

(05-23-86)

JACK WELSH

ARREDONDO-SMITH
WBC Super Lightweight Title

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—A large, predominantly Mexican crowd turned out to celebrate their national Cinco de Mayo (Fifth of May) holiday and to see their own Rene Arredondo knock out Lonnie Smith in the fifth round to win the WBC super lightweight title at the Olympic Auditorium.

Arredondo patiently measured the defending champion for almost four and a half rounds before unloading a perfect right flush on Smith's jaw. Smith crashed to the deck flat on his back and could only roll over on his side while referee Marty Denkin counted him out in 1:24 of the fifth of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Smith was a disappointment. He seemed tense and made it easy for Arredondo by staying outside. Lonnie ignored the advice of his corner to pressure his long-armed challenger, and most of the champion's punches were wild and well out of range.

Arredondo was remarkably relaxed and confident, always looking in control. By the end of the second round, he could be seen laughing and joking with his cornermen.

The early rounds were very slow. Denkin went to both corners between the second and third to ask for more action. Smith, 139½, Denver, flicked out some ineffective jabs, while the challenger tentatively stalked. Arredondo, 139¼, Apatzingan, apparently didn't want to make a mistake that would allow the faster Smith to get into the fight. Rene was coolly looking to drop the big right hand that would eventually win him the title.

Arredondo opened the third with a solid jab, but for the first time Smith was fighting positively. He held his ground and landed his jab to both the head and body. Arredondo was still playing a waiting game, so it was Smith's round.

Smith began to show signs of vulnerability in the fourth. He opened aggressively and landed a glancing right, but Arredondo came back with a right hand that wobbled the knees of the defending champion. Smith tried to counter, but a left hook backed him off again. Rene's left jab was often lazy and short, but it was enough to keep Smith fighting defensively. Just before the bell, Arredondo scored with a good left uppercut.

In the fatal fifth, Arredondo gradually maneuvered Smith into his own corner. When Lonnie waggled his gloves in a bit of showmanship, Rene dropped the bomb.

The win improved Arredondo's record to 37-3, with 33 knockouts. Smith, who was making the first defense of the title, fell to 22-1, 10 knockouts.

Oscar (Negro) Bejines' last minute decision to give away weight to comebacking Rafael (Bazooka) Limon proved rewarding. Limon, 139, Mexico City, made a good fight by swinging wildly from all angles, but the 22 year old Bejines, 134, Guadalajara, floored Bazooka late in the third. From then on, the 32 year old former WBC super super featherweight champion took a pasting. Limon went down again in the fourth and quit 1:30 into the round before referee Larry Rozadilla could pick up the count. It had been scheduled for 10.

Former WBC bantamweight boss Albert Davila, 130, Pomona, floored and stopped Francis Childs, 120¼, Phila., with a sharp right to the chin in 1:40 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Davila, now 51-7-1, controlled the fight with his aggressive style. Rudy Jordan, referee.

1984 Mexican Olympic representative Octavio Robles, 145¾, Mexico City, rallied to win a five round split decision over Bruce Sewell, 150, Farmington, New Mexico. A draw would have been fair. Scoring: referee Fritz Warner, 48-47, Robles; judge Jordan, 48-47, Robles; judge Rozadilla, 49-47, Sewell.

Ringside physicians—Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill.

Ring announcers—Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon Jr.

Matchmaker—Jim Gilio.

Promoter—Rogelio Robles.

(05-05-86)

DEAN LOHUIS

ROMAN-WATANABE
WBC Super Flyweight Title

ITAMI, JAPAN—THE LONG reign of Jiro Watanabe came to an end in a close but unanimous decision loss to Mexico's Gilberto Roman, 12.

Roman, about three inches shorter than the 5'5½" Watanabe, kept the pressure on as the champ tried to counter. The challenger, seven years younger than the 31-year-old Watanabe, was a quarter finalist in the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. His amateur record was 90-7.

Watanabe had won 12 title fights in a row since taking the WBA 115-pound crown from Rafael Pedroza in April, 1982. Jiro became the first world junior bantamweight champion by defeating Thailand's Payao Poontarat in 1984, only to have the WBA declare the title vacant.

The action see-sawed. Watanabe looked cautious at the outset, but seemed to have won the first three rounds. The Mexican won rounds four and five by ducking low and shooting uppercuts to the body. Watanabe, a *kempo* expert, took the sixth round with a barrage in the closing seconds, but Roman came back in the seventh round with straight right hands. The eighth round went to Watanabe, who managed to connect with southpaw left hands to the face. Roman won the ninth round, Watanabe won the 10th round, and the 11th round was anybody's guess. (All three judges carded it for Roman; the TV commentator scored it for Watanabe.) It was that kind of fight.

Just before the final round, Watanabe's manager, Kiyoshi Yoshii, told his client he was "winning by two points." Watanabe therefore spent the round on the defensive, and Roman won it on all three official scorecards.

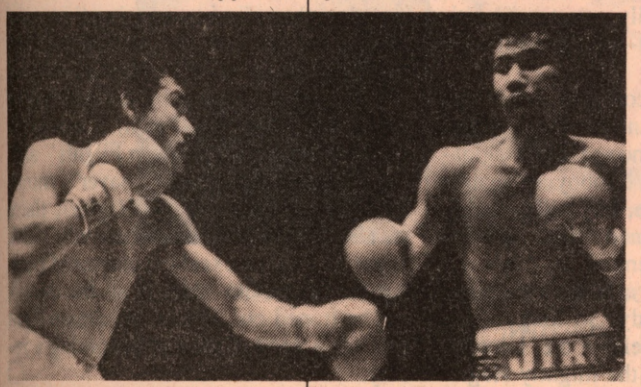
The official decision surprised Watanabe, who nonetheless congratulated Roman. The official scoring was as follows: Harry Gibbs (Great Britain), 116-114; Vince Delgado (U.S.) and Dalby Shirley (U.S.), both 116-112. Steve Crosson (U.S.) was the non-scoring referee.

Roman has since beaten Edgar Monserrat of Panama in defense of the title. Watanabe wants a rematch, and the money is certainly there.

WBC witness—Ray Clarke (Great Britain). Kansai TV (Japan). VTR (Mexico). Attendance—4,000 (estimated).

(03-30-86)

JOE KOIZUMI



Mexico's Gilberto Roman upset Jiro Watanabe (right) to win the WBC super flyweight title in Itami, Japan. Watanabe was making the 13th defense of the crown he won in 1982.

IS SUGAR RAY STILL SWEET?

Controversy And Speculation Mount As Leonard Preps For Return Against Hagler

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MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER VS Sugar Ray Leonard! The mind boggles at the very suggestion of such a match.

Back in April of this year, little knowing what the future held in store, *The Ring* carried an article by contributing editor Jack Obermayer titled, "Dream Fights." The climactic match in that series of fantasy bouts was Hagler vs Leonard. Now, in a true case of life imitating art, Leonard is preparing to return to active combat for a "one and only" comeback fight against the undisputed middleweight champion.

Needless to say, the proposed match has sparked a maelstrom of controversy. So far, the sporting media has been practically unanimous in its condemnation of the fight. In fact, sportswriters have been highly sanctimonious in their warnings of dire consequences for both Leonard and boxing itself should Ray follow through with his plans for one more trip to the well (See this month's "Punch/Counterpunch," page 37).

Perhaps the negative reaction from the press is not so surprising when one takes a closer look. Many sportswriters have problems coming to grips with boxing's violent nature. They liked the idea of Sugar Ray making his millions and getting out. Now that he wants to return, it goes against the grain of their concept of Leonard as the corporate boxer who beat the system. What they fail to understand is that, despite his image, Leonard is first and foremost a fighter. As he has said many times, "It's what I do best."

"I'm not surprised at the unfavorable response from many of the writers," said Mike Trainer, Leonard's attorney, during an exclusive interview with *The Ring*. "We kinda went through the same thing before the Kevin Howard fight. In a way, what they write about Ray fighting Hagler says more about the writers than it says about Ray. There is almost a racial connotation to their attitude. Who are they to say he shouldn't come back? There seems to be a double standard applied to boxing. When a football player gets a concussion, they say he 'got his bell rung.' In boxing, 'brain cells are being destroyed.' As far as Ray is concerned, my position is simple. It's up to him, but he has a right to try."

It is also interesting to note that many of the same writers who are shedding crocodile tears over Leonard's proposed comeback are the very same ones who lauded Willie Shoemaker for winning the Kentucky Derby in his fifties. And let's not forget that horse racing ranks much higher than boxing *vis-a-vis* sports fatalities.

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The folks who really seem to relish the thought of a Hagler-Leonard confrontation are the ones who really count, and ultimately pay the freight—the general public.

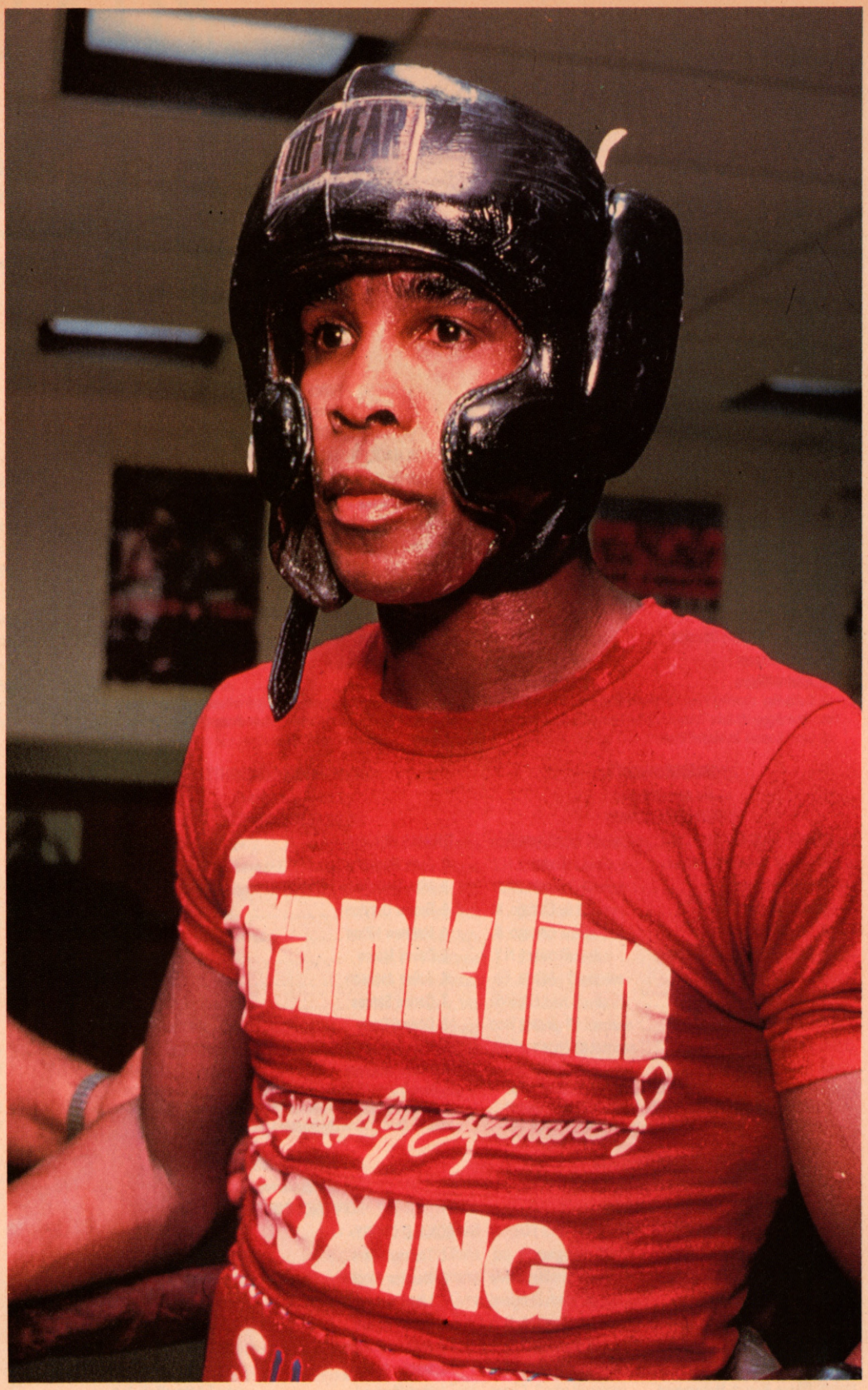
Columnists from coast to coast can editorialize all they want, but this is a fight that captures the common man's imagination, a fight even those lobbying against it will want to see. Sure, Ray will probably get his clock cleaned, but as Joe D'O'Brian likes to remind us, "it's not so important whether a boxer's career is a tragedy or a comedy, so long as it's good theatre." And believe me, Leonard coming back to fight the mightly Hagler is great theatre.

Although there are some people legitimately concerned about Leonard's well being, there are others who don't want to see him fight Hagler for less altruistic reasons. Both Bob Arum and Emanuel Stewart are making a lot of noise because they have a vested interest in the now lukewarm Hagler-Hearns rematch. They have some valid gripes, but ask the average man on the street which fight he'd rather see, and I'll bet the vast majority—if not all—will opt for Hagler-Leonard.

In the meantime, although he has yet to accept Leonard's challenge, Hagler has been making the rounds of various television shows, busily fanning the flames. During a recent appearance with Johnny Carson on *The Tonight Show*, he said: "I'm going to sit back and lick my chops and wait."

While the pressure of press deadlines prevents us from waiting until Marvin makes up his mind, at this point in his career, a Leonard match would make far more sense than a rematch with Hearns. Like Hagler noted after turning back the stubborn challenge of John (The Beast) Mugabi in March, he's already beaten everybody and can't really get too enthusiastic about "going around again." A fight with Leonard, however, would provide instant motivation.

It will also provide boxing with a much needed shot of adrenalin. The HBO heavyweight elimination is fine and dandy, but none of the participants can come close to Leonard, or Hagler, in terms of fan appeal. Judging by the number of letters *The Ring* received in response to the aforementioned "Dream Flights" article (that resulted, in Obermayer's mind, in a close points win for Hagler), there are also a lot of people out there who think Sugar Ray has an excellent chance of beating the Marvelous One. If all the details can be ironed out, this is one dream fight that has a good chance of becoming a reality. □



"I've always wanted Hagler. I know what I'm capable of doing. I know I can beat Marvin." — Sugar Ray Leonard

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)

WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Trevor Berbick**** ..... Canada
2. **Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
3. **Tim Witherspoon*** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Wyandotte, Mich.
5. **Tony Tubbs** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.
7. **Frank Bruno** ..... England
8. **James (Buster) Douglas** ..... Columbus, Ohio
9. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
10. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.

11. David Bey 12. Greg Page 13. Marvis Frazier 14. James Broad 15. Tyrell Biggs 16. Mike Tyson 17. Tony Tucker 18. Gerry Cooney 19. Gerrie Coetzee 20. Mitchell Green.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS (SUGAR) DeLEON** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi*** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Bernard Benton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
4. **Lee Roy Murphy**☆ ..... Chicago, Ill.
5. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
6. **Evander Holyfield** ..... Atlanta, Ga.
7. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
8. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Henry Tillman** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. **Ricky Parkey** ..... Morristown, Tenn.

11. Bashiru Ali 12. Henry Hearns 13. Anthony Davis 14. Stanley Ross 15. Boone Pultz 16. Dorcey Gaymon 17. Chisanda Mutti 18. Al Shoffner 19. Michael Greer 20. Pierre Coetzer.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Johnson*** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Slobodan Kacar**☆ ..... Yugoslavia
3. **Dennis Andries**** ..... England
4. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
5. **J.B. Williamson** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
6. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Prince Mamah Mohammed** ..... Ghana
8. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon
9. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
10. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad

11. Grady Smith 12. Grover Robinson 13. Alex Blanchard 14. Jim MacDonald 15. Everett Martin 16. Charles Williams 17. Kelvin Kelly 18. Freddie Guzman 19. Marvin Mack 20. David Sears.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* **☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
3. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
4. **Herol Graham** ..... England
5. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
6. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
7. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
8. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
9. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Michael Olajide** ..... Canada

11. Chong-Pal Park 12. Michael Nunn 13. Charlie Boston 14. John Collins 15. Curtis Parker 16. Iran Barkley 17. Kevin Watts 18. Charles Carter 19. Dwight Davison 20. Vincent Boulware.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Buster Drayton**☆ ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada
5. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
6. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
7. **Carlos Santos** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
10. **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.

11. David Braxton 12. Darnell Knox 13. Ramon Ramos 14. Robert Hines 15. In-Chul Baek 16. Duane Thomas 17. Lupe Aquino 18. Francisco De-Jesus 19. Saad Skouma 20. Elio Diaz.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

DONALD CURRY* **☆ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
1. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
2. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
3. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
4. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
5. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
6. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
7. **Mark Breland** ..... New York, N.Y.
8. **Manning Galloway** ..... Columbus, Ohio
9. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
10. **John Munduga** ..... Uganda

11. Horace Shufford 12. Jun-Sok Hwang 13. Seung-Soon Lee 14. Sylvester Mittee 15. Tyrone Trice 16. Vincent Pettway 17. Eduardo Batista 18. Shawn O'Sullivan 19. Troy Wortham 20. Judas Clottey.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Patrizio Oliva*** ..... Italy
2. **Rene Arredondo**** ..... Mexico
3. **Lonnie Smith** ..... Denver, Colo.
4. **Frankie Warren** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
5. **Ubaldo Sacco** ..... Argentina
6. **Gary Hinton**☆ ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
8. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
9. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico
10. **Joe Louis Manley** ..... Atlantic City, N.J.

11. Gene Hatcher 12. Reyes Cruz 13. James (Buddy) McGirt 14. Harold Brazier 15. Hugo Hernandez 16. Tomas Molinares 17. Saoul Mamby 18. John Meekins 19. Brett Taylor, 20. Vinnie Pazienza.

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Ratings as of June 8, 1986

*** WBA CHAMPION**
**** WBC CHAMPION**
☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul**☆ ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
5. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
6. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda
9. **Meldrick Taylor** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.

11. Fred Pendleton 12. Frankie Randall 13. Pernell Whitaker 14. Greg Haugen 15. Cubanito Perez 16. Edwin Curet 17. Jesus Romero 18. Tony Willis 19. Nelson Bolanos 20. Miguel Santana.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ALFREDO LAYNE* ..... Panama
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Barry Michael**☆ ..... Australia
6. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
7. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Ind.
8. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil
9. **Lester Ellis** ..... Australia
10. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.

11. Najib Daho 12. Jean-Marc Renard 13. John Sichula 14. Oscar Bejines 15. Rafael Solis 16. Raphe Sims 17. Mario Miranda 18. Sung-Yun Kim 19. Francisco Fernandez 20. Anthony English.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

BARRY McGUIGAN* ..... Ireland
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Ki-Yung Chung**☆ ..... Korea
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
7. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
8. **Min-Keun Oh** ..... Korea
9. **Refugio Rojas** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. **Jose Marmolejos** ..... Panama

11. Antonio Esparragoza 12. Steve Cruz 13. Joe Ruelas 14. Tyrone Jackson 15. Antonio Rivera 16. Billy White 17. Antonio de la Paz 18. Jose Mario Lopez 19. Sergio Zambrano 20. Irving Mitchell.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Samart Payakaroon**** ..... Thailand
3. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Jorge Ramirez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
9. **Harold Petty** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
10. **Mike Ayala** ..... San Antonio, Texas

11. Daniel Blanco 12. Ramon Dominguez 13. Tommy Valoy 14. Ji-Won Kim 15. George Garcia 16. Oscar Muniz 17. Seung-Hoon Lee 18. Louie Espinoza 19. Yun-Kap Choi 20. Jesse Benavides.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

BERNARDO PINANGO* ..... Venezuela
1. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
2. **Gilberto Roman** ..... Mexico
3. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
4. **Jiro Wantanabe** ..... Japan
5. **Jeff Fenech**☆ ..... Australia
6. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
7. **Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
8. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
9. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... Charlotte, N.C.
10. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico

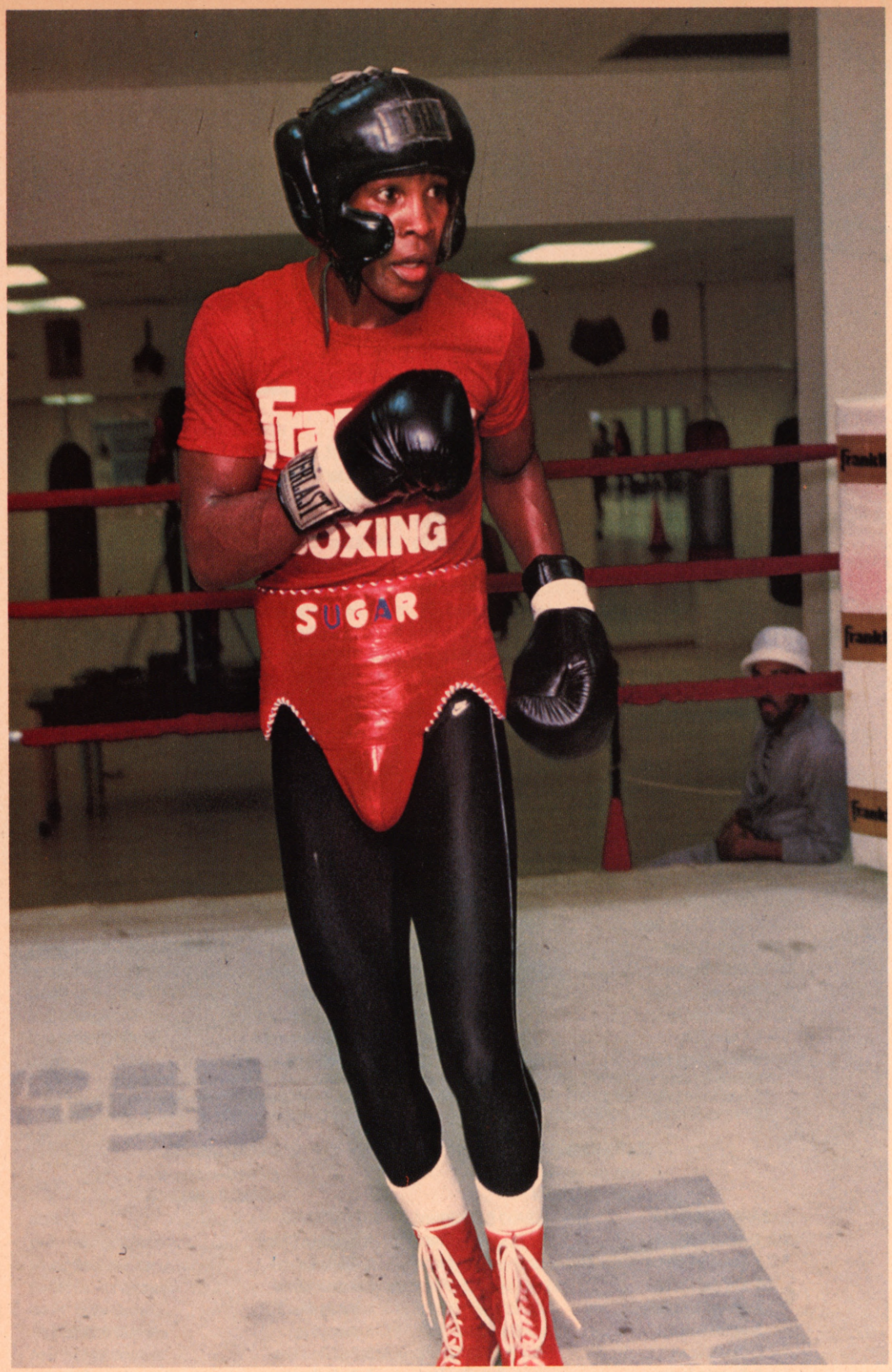
11. Cesar Polanco 12. Freddie Jackson 13. Wilfredo Vasquez 14. Frankie Duarte 15. Jerome Coffee 16. Elly Pical 17. Hurley Snead 18. James Pipps 19. Santos Laciar 20. Azael Moran.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Hilario Zapata*** ..... Panama
3. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
4. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
5. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
8. **Jose DeJesus** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico
10. **Agustin Garcia** ..... Colombia

11. Jorge Cano 12. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez 13. Virgilio Chifundo 14. Javier Lucas 15. Hermogenes Murillo 16. Rafael Caban 17. Hi-Sup Shin 18. Fidel Bassa 19. Duke McKenzie 20. Rae-Ki Ahn.



"For a fight of this type, of this magnitude, ring rust won't be much of a factor." — Sugar Ray Leonard

PUNCH COUNTER PUNCH

Each month, in an effort to stimulate creative debate, *RING* Magazine will ask a cross section of boxing people a provocative question. We will publish their thoughts, giving you a wide range of views, half-views and even a few half-baked views.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

What is your opinion of Sugar Ray Leonard's proposed comeback against Marvelous Marvin Hagler?

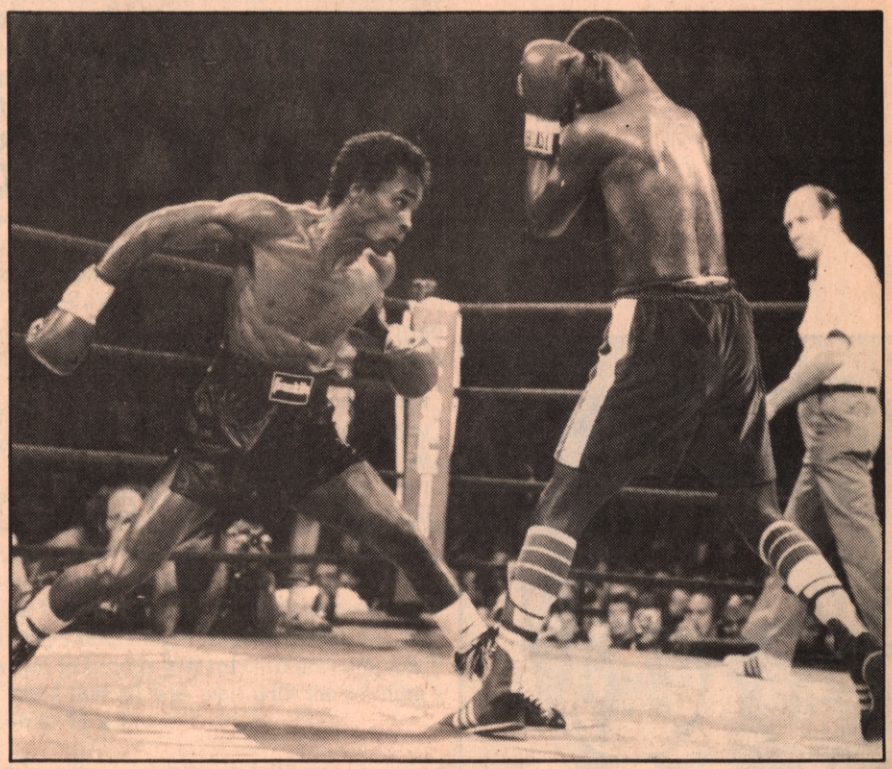
Dave Anderson *(Sports columnist for the New York Times.):*
In a "one and only" comeback appearance, maybe Leonard would be as good as ever. Maybe he would dethrone Hagler as middleweight champion. But for all his sparring, maybe Leonard has misjudged the amount of rust on his reflexes. If he were to box badly, or worse, if he were to suffer another detached retina, boxing authorities would be condemned. And so would boxing itself.

Tom Cushman *(1980 Winner of the Nat Fleischer Memorial Award for excellence in boxing journalism):*
Sugar Ray Leonard has had one fight in four years. To presume that he can recapture his earlier abilities without an extended period of returning against live opposition is madness.

Dick Young *(Sparring partner to Larry Holmes, and sports columnist for the New York* ***Post****):*
I happen to believe boxing is a fine sport, and I don't want anything to happen to it. A Leonard-Hagler fight would supply powerful ammunition to the American Medical Association and other lobbyist who have campaigns for the abolition of boxing, amateur and professional.

Rick Marcotta *(Sports Director for KRLA Radio in Los Angeles):*
Is Sugar Ray Leonard out of his mind? Ray's insistence that he fight no tune-up bouts before taking on Hagler reduces his chances greatly and also reduces the fights credibility. However, I do think the fight will come off and that it will be a big money-maker.

Herbert G. Goldman *(Boxing historian and Editor-in-Chief of* ***The Ring Record Book and Encyclopedia****):*
Sugar Ray Leonard's proposed comeback against Marvin Hagler is without precedent in boxing history. Ray first announced his retirement on November 9, 1982, come back against Kevin Howard a year and a half later, and now plans another comeback two years after *that* fight. Not even the returns of Robinson and Ali are comparable. Ray is 30 years old, and, when all things are considered, would be crazy to return. Nonetheless, the ego makes the fighter, and a Hagler-Leonard bout would be a God-send for the fight game. I just hope to God that Leonard escapes injury.



Sugar Ray Leonard winds up as Kevin Howard covers up. Although Leonard rallied from an early knockdown to stop Howard in the ninth round, he announced his retirement at the post-fight press conference. Now Ray wants to comeback again and fight Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler *(undisputed middleweight champion):*
Well, right now it's getting a lot of press, but basically, I think he's on an ego trip. He's missing the limelight a little bit.

Angelo Dundee *(Trainer of champions, including Leonard):*
I saw Ray sparring on TV and the main tools are still pretty much there. It's a matter of sharpening things. He says he's willing to do whatever is necessary. Every little blurb since this began has created excitement. That pumps Ray up. The bottom line, of course, is the people. If they want to see Leonard-Hagler, I think they will. □

ANATOMY OF A PROMOTION

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Small Club Promoting . . . And Then Some

by Nigel Collins

Philadelphia promoter Russell Peltz continues to buck the odds by staging club fights without TV backing.

PROMOTING CLUB FIGHTS CAN OFTEN be an exercise in futility. The risks are many, the rewards few. But if there is one thing universally bemoaned by those of us who love the "sweet science," it is the passing of the small, neighborhood fight club—the breeding ground for so many great fighters. This is the story of one such club and the man who is fighting to keep it alive. Someone once said that the difference between failure and success is doing a thing nearly right and doing a thing exactly right. When promoting on a club level, the margin for error is even slimmer.

The first thing I noticed when I got to promoter Russell Peltz's office was that the staircase was missing. As my eyes adjusted to the dim light, I quickly saw that the entire first floor of the building (Peltz's office occupies the second floor) resembled a construction site. In fact, that is exactly what it was. The home of Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc. for the past 16 years had been transformed into a hard hat area.

I groped my way up a temporary staircase and found the doorway to the room that has been the virtual heartbeat of Philadelphia boxing for well over a decade. The office was almost in as bad shape as the first floor.

There were holes ripped in the ceiling. The soggy and stained floor was so warped from rain damage that it looked like some kind of sea serpent was hiding underneath the rug. All of the photographs and posters had been removed from the walls. Boxes and chairs were stacked, ready to beat a hasty retreat.

Amidst the wreckage of what had once been an immaculate mini-museum of contemporary Philadelphia boxing, sat Russell, undauntedly pecking at the word processor. Neither sleet, snow or impending eviction could keep this promoter from his appointed rounds on fight day. Despite an apparent state of siege, it was business as usual at 801 North 27th Street.

"I didn't think they would evict me so soon," Peltz moaned. "We bought a new building two blocks down the street and sold this one. But the tenants in the new place haven't left yet, and the new owners of this building are trying to force me out. They've turned the water and electricity off a couple of times."

However, despite the chaotic surroundings, it was all systems go on this particular April morning and the first order of business was to check and see if the out-of-town fighters had arrived safely. Manager Ben Getty was supposed to have driven up from Fayetteville, North Carolina the night before with a couple of opponents. One of them, Cortez Treadwell, was fighting Philly welterweight Hugh (Buttons) Kearney in the main event. Without him, the show was in serious jeopardy—if not completely ruined. A quick call to their hotel confirmed that all was well with the evening's imports and that they'd be at the weigh-in at 11 a.m.

THINGS HAVEN'T ALWAYS GONE SO SMOOTHLY FOR PELTZ. WHEN HE FIRST began promoting in 1969, it was not unheard of for the former sports writer to scour bars looking for last minute substitutes. Peltz launched his promotional career at the Blue Horizon, outgrew it, and then returned to his roots in March of '84. Since then, he's promoted a show per month (except for August '84) at the North Philly venue.

Boxing in general, and Philadelphia boxing in particular, has changed a lot since 1969. That was back before the '76 Olympics prompted television to rediscover the Manly Art. When Russell took the promotional plunge, what was left of the old Philadelphia boxing establishment laughed at him. But Peltz had the last laugh when a record-breaking, SRO crowd of 1,606 turned up to see Bennie Briscoe kayo Tito Marshall in the first round.

Peltz prospered. His early cards regularly featured the likes of Briscoe, Cyclone Hart, Willie (The Worm) Monroe, George Benton, Leotis Martin, Jimmy Young, Sammy Goss, Richie Kates, Boogaloo Watts, and towards the end of his first run at the Horizon, Matthew Saad Muhammad. Fight starved Philly fans responded enthusiastically to both the matches and Peltz's bargain-basement ticket prices (as low as $3.00 in the beginning).

Peltz's original series of shows at the Blue Horizon provided a springboard for him and many of the fighters. A few years later, a hop, skip, and a jump took him from the Horizon to the Philadelphia Arena (an ancient 7,000-seat brickyard left

over from the days of Gil Turner and Len Matthews) to the Spectrum, where Peltz took over as Director of Boxing in 1973.

After a few years of prosperity, the once thriving Spectrum boxing program went belly-up. This was largely due to the Spectrum's own cable network's (PRISM) adverse effect on the live gate and the advent of casino boxing in nearby (50 miles) Atlantic City, Peltz continued to promote occasional low budget cards in various Philadelphia suburbs, but the bulk of his shows were held at the Sands Hotel/Casino in Atlantic City.

During his stay at the Sands, Peltz, together with the casino and actor Sylvester Stallone, formed a promotional group known as Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd. It was under this banner that the Blue Horizon reopened in March of '84. The plan was to use the Horizon as a sort of farm club, developing talent for bigger cards at the Sands. The overhead was much lower at the Horizon than in the Copa Room, and the cards were financially subsidized by Sands/Tiger Eye.

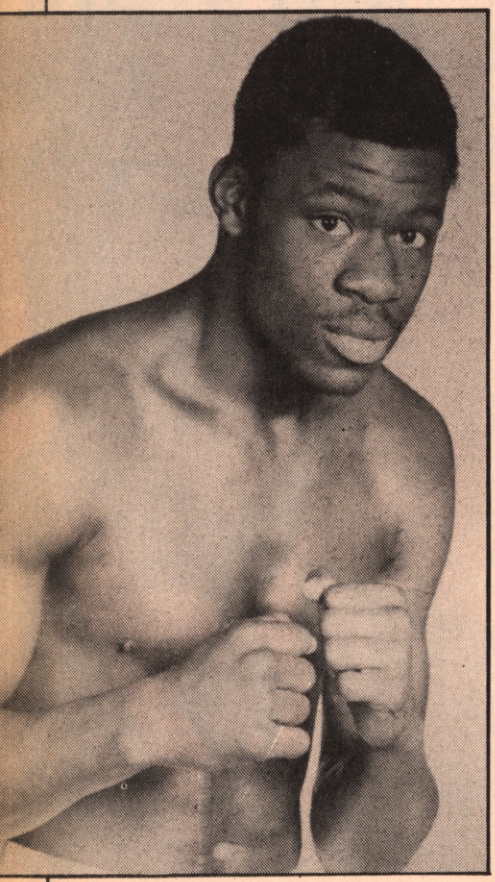
The surprising thing about Peltz's return to the Blue Horizon was the size of the crowds. Although the cards lacked the glamorous names of days gone by, the fans turned out in relatively large numbers to watch local prospects hone their skills. Things rolled along in fine style until the contract between Peltz and the Sands expired in May of this year. Without the subsidy, Peltz's Blue Horizon promotions will have to survive strictly on the income they generate.

Damn near an impossibility.

Peltz prints 1,200 tickets for each show, but even if he sells every last one of them, the promotion still loses money.

"We're averaging over 1,000 fans for each show, but we're still about $2,000 short of breaking even. If I could figure out a way to make up the difference, we could run there forever," mused Peltz. "Maybe a sponsor is the answer."

Welterweight Hugh (Buttons) Kearney is currently the star attraction at the Blue Horizon, selling several hundred tickets every time he fights.



A LIGHT RAIN WAS FALLING AS PELTZ AND HIS ASSISTANT, MAUREEN SACKS, zippered themselves into matching black satin Peltz Boxing jackets and climbed into Russell's Cadillac for the short drive to the Pennsylvania State Office Building, site of the mid-day weigh-in.

"The only thing I've learned about the weather is not to worry about it," Peltz said, casting a weary eye at the soggy sky. "Because you sure can't do anything about it."

The weigh-ins for club shows seldom feature the dramatics that sometimes occur when the sport's big names (and egos) step on the scales. This one was no exception.

The fighters, looking much like any group of young men you may see hanging around the street corners of Philadelphia's blue collar neighborhoods, patiently waited their turn at the scales while their trainers shot the bull.

The scale itself is an ancient Fairbanks on wheels, just like the ones you see in those old photos of Joe Louis weighing-in for his fights with Schmeling and Braddock. If the scale could talk, it would be able to tell things about Philadelphia boxing you'll never find in newspaper clippings, or *The Ring Record Book*. Boxing history has been made in this room, but on this damp and gloomy morning, the

most exciting thing that happened was one preliminary fighter coming in half a pound over the contract weight. A quick jog around the block took care of that minor detail.

By 12:30, we were back at Peltz's besieged office, counting money and tickets.

"We might have some good fights tonight," chortled Peltz. "I don't even know who is gonna win some of these fights."

BECAUSE OF THE SHOESTRING NATURE OF THE BUDGET, SMALL CLUB BOXING lives or dies on the strength of its "ticket sellers." A fighter or manager who won't hustle tickets is poison. As an added incentive, Peltz gives fighters a "ticket bonus" (one dollar) for each ducat sold.

Kearney attracts the West Philly gambling crowd, and Jim Nichols, who owns several bars in that section of Philadelphia, always sells several hundred tickets whenever "Buttons" is on the card. Peltz is also careful to make sure that at least one white fighter's face appears on the poster, even if he's not topping the bill. On this card, that face belongs to Brian McGinley, a crowd-pleasing banger who Russell jokingly describes as "our most popular loser"—despite the fact McGinley has won nine of his 13 pro bouts.

In an effort to flesh out the "take," Peltz recently started printing and selling programs at a dollar a throw. In order to do so, he had to evict a couple of semi-pro writers who'd previously hawked their own product at the Horizon. While this seemed heartless to some, at this level of boxing promotion, every penny counts. Survival of the species is foremost.

The promotion was not the only thing on Russell's mind as the afternoon lengthened and we headed to the site of the evening's entertainment. Gary Hinton, one of the fighters under promotional contract to Peltz, was in Italy prepping for a match with Reyes Cruz for the vacant IBF junior welterweight title. Peltz would be jetting to Europe to join him the following day, and was understandably worried about the recent rash of terrorist attacks.

"I'm not worried," he protested, without much conviction. "I look more like an Arab than a Jew."

ALTHOUGH A NEW SIGN HAS REPLACED THE OLD NEON MOUNTAIN ENCIRcled by a blue, halo-like cloud, practically everything else about this crumbling edifice remains much the same as when it was built in the 1920s. The Blue Horizon was originally designed to house the Loyal Order of the Moose, but these days, cabarets and discos sponsored by social clubs make up the bulk of the bookings.

A flyer taped to the box office window announced the upcoming appearance of evangelist Rev. Al and the Ink Spots, but it is as a boxing venue that the decaying structure really shines.

There isn't a bad seat in the hall, but the front row of the balcony just might provide the best sight lines in all of boxing. This gallery overhangs the ring, placing the fans and fighters on the most intimate of terms. The clientele is highly knowledgeable and unflaggingly fair, but God help the fighter who fails to give his best. Both

Famed Philadelphia middleweight Bennie Briscoe raises his hand in victory following a knockout win at the Blue Horizon. Briscoe topped the bill on Peltz's first promotion, attracting a SRO crowd of over 1,600 to the 1,200 seat hall.

praise and abuse shower down on the combatants, along with an avalanche of advice. I don't know whether it's the intimidating crowd, the smallness of the ring, or the fact that their friends and neighbors are in the audience, but fighters invariably fight their collective asses off at the Horizon. It's a major part of the joint's charm.

Cyclone Hart, another Blue Horizon favorite from days gone by, waves to some of his fans in the balcony after scoring a fifth round knockout over Sonny Floyd, May 19, 1970.

RUSSELL PELTZ HAS PROMOTED OVER 20 WORLD TITLE FIGHTS, BUT HE'S NOT afraid to get his hands dirty. An hour before the fighters begin to arrive, he's busy setting up press tables and placing flyers on every seat. Anything to gain the edge that will hopefully push his club promotions into the black. Out front at the window, Maureen is busy selling tickets to the savvy fans who stop off on their way home from work to pick up their tickets. If they wait until fight time, the prices go up from $10 to $12.

Around 6:20, the first fighters begin to straggle in out of the rain with their cornermen. One of the first non-participants to arrive is "KO" Becky O'Neill, the pony-tailed sparkplug who used to manage bantamweight champion Jeff Chandler. She has brought supper (a super spicy hoagie) for Russell and Maureen.

Soon, the trickle of newcomers become a flood, and the evening begins to take on all the earmarks of an event as much social as it is sporting. In fact, it is this aspect of a night at the Blue Horizon, or any other similar club, that makes the entire enterprise such a satisfying experience.

When the doors open at 7 pm, early fans dash up two flights of stairs to claim their favorite seats along the front row of the balcony. Month after month, you can see these same folks in the same seats. Many bring food to eat while they wait. Others sip from bottles hidden in brown paper bags. Beneath them, in the bowels of the building, the meager dressing rooms are alive with pre-fight activity.

Inside their shabby cubicles, the fighters prepare themselves for battle as, somewhere in the background, a tape deck lays down a steady, driving beat. Water buckets, lined up like soldiers ready to be pressed into service, cover most of the bathroom floor. The trainers tape hands, grease torsos and hand out advice. The fighters, for the most part, are quiet, absorbed in their own private pre-fight rituals.

Upstairs the crowd gradually gains in size and volume. Peltz has already sold over 1,000 tickets, and they are still coming in. The hotdog stand does a brisk business at 75 cents a dog and 50 cents for a soda. Try to find those prices at a casino or Madison Square Garden. Fight talk is everywhere, mingling is the order of the evening. One can see Buster Drayton talking to Boogaloo Watts in one corner of the auditorium, and former lightweight champ Bob Montgomery holding court in another. At around 8:05, Peltz gives the word and the first fighters make their way to the ring. The preparation and planning were over. It's fight time.

THE FIGHTS WERE, FOR THE MOST PART, EVENLY MATCHED AND EARNESTLY contested. The fans had a ball. They laughed when Vinnie Burgese wagged his tongue at the gallery gang after stopping Ted Greer in four. They lusted after the sexy round card girls, Najah and Fatima. They cheered when McGinley hammered blow after blow into Ted Dancy's belly, but they booed Dancy when he quit. They appreciated Howard Stewart's classy inside boxing, and they applauded loser Treadwell when he gave Kearney a bristling workout in the main event. All-in-all, an artistic success. But despite a robust turnout of 1,148 (paid), a financial loser.

In order to facilitate a better understanding of the small club promoter's plight, Peltz opened up his books to *The Ring*, allowing us to print the following financial breakdown. More than just a bookkeeping entry, it shows why even seemingly successful club shows are an endangered species without the aid of television:

INCOME:

TICKET SALES:

277 at $12.00	$3,324.00
871 at $10.00	8,710.00
PROGRAMS: 271 at $1.00	271.00

EXPENSES:

Kearney's purse	1,524.02
Treadwell's purse	1,000.00
Treadwell's travel expenses	250.00
Treadwell's hotel	300.00
Preliminary fighters' purses	3,200.00
Ticket bonus	465.00
City tax	564.45
Exhibition license	80.00
State tax	572.90
Officials (judges, referees, etc.)	725.00
Blue Horizon rent	1,088.51
Liability insurance	425.00
Security (five men, for four hours)	250.00
Ticket taker	30.00
Round card girls	125.00
Two pairs of gloves	140.00
Dressing room attendants	100.00
Tickets	90.00
Posters	403.00
Ad printing	113.00
Ad placement (newspapers)	1,017.00
Poster design	50.00
Messenger service	16.50
Transportation & entertainment	25.00
Photographs	36.41
Program seller	20.00
Matchmaker	1,006.01
Video taping	100.00
Postage	99.41

TOTAL EXPENSES: $13,816.21
TOTAL INCOME: $12,305.00
NET LOSS: $1,511.21

A WEEK LATER, PELTZ AND HINTON WERE BACK FROM ITALY, UNSCATHED BY terrorists, IBF junior welterweight title in tow. We wondered why Peltz keeps plugging away at the Blue Horizon when even a near-capacity house ends up in the red. Russell's stock answer is that the investment will pay off in the long run because Kearney and some of the others should eventually develop into money makers. But I have a sneaking suspicion that the real reason runs a little deeper than that, to the very heart of his love affair with the Sweet Science. Besides promoting fights, Peltz is a passionate collector of boxing memorabilia. In a way, the Blue Horizon is the largest piece in his collection. □

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

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▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Tim Williams, 160, San Diego, kayoed Alberto Gonzalez in 2:41 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Prospect Williams (10-1) and counterpunching Gonzalez (13-3) were boxing on level terms when a sudden single right to the head finished Gonzalez.

Ruben Proa, 135, National City, halted mismatched Ricardo Huerta, 132, Tijuana, in 2:38 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Proa (7-3) got serious in the fourth and floored frail Huerta twice. Russell, referee.

Alex Madrid, 175½, San Diego, scored his career-best victory when he battered and stopped tough Mexican veteran Martin Castro, 128, Blythe, with only 0:18 remaining in a scheduled eight. Madrid (10-2-1) was dropped on his seat early in the sixth, but won every other round. Russell, referee.

David Graves, 190, San Diego, flattened Rafael Fimbres, 219, Hermosillo, Mexico, with a crushing right hand in just 0:48 of the first round in a scheduled six. Fimbres was out cold for a full 30 seconds. Russell, referee.

Aaron Windom, 168, Los Angeles, knocked out house fighter Roke Harris, 162, San Diego, with a short left hook in 1:05 of the first round in a scheduled four. Both fighters were making their pro debuts. Russell, referee.

Eril McNair, 149½, San Diego, made a promising pro start with a unanimous points win over Joe Motton, 150, San Diego. Motton was down in the first. Scoring: referee Russell, 40-36; judge Danny Millsap, 39-36; judge Rustich, 39-36.

Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.
Danny Millsap, timekeeper.
Tom Kelly, ring announcer.
Mike Altingeer, promoter.

(03-20-86)

▶**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Derrick Drane, 161, Kaneohe, Hawaii, was awarded a disputed split decision over Rickey Locke, 158½, Bakersfield, in a hard fought eight which could have easily been scored a draw. Drane (15-4) was aggressive and threw more punches; Locke (7-9-2) was more skilled and the cleaner hitter. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 78-75, Drane; judge Robert Byrd, 77-75, Locke; judge Gwen Adair, 78-75, Drane.

David Graves, 184, San Diego, had to work for his near shutout unanimous six-round points win over newcomer Exum Speight, 180, Los Angeles. Speight was impressive in defeat. Delgado, referee.

Manny Olivas, 119, Canoga Park, out slugged trier Javier Lara, 120, North Hollywood, and won unanimously, four. Popular Olivas is never in a bad fight. Scoring: referee Byrd, 39-37; judge Delgado, 39-38; judge Adair, 39-37.

Daniel Garcia, 134, El Monte, came back from a first round knockdown to take a majority verdict over Daniel Cortez, 136, San Jose. Garcia won with a strong finish in the last half of the Sixth and final round. Scoring: referee Byrd, 57-56; judge Delgado, 58-55; judge Adair, 57-57.

Randy Ortega, 118, Canoga Park, was way behind on points when he floored and stopped Louie Prado, 119½, San Jose, in 2:17 of the fourth round in a punishing scheduled six. Ortega was dropped in the first and the second, butr never stopped his relentless pursuit of the hard hitting Prado. Byrd, referee.

Former super bantamweight champion Jaime Garza, scheduled to headline, was scratched when opponent Lupe Martinez failed to show.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Victor French, Dan Goossen, Promoters.

(03-25-86)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Tomas (Tommy) Perez, 154, Santa Ana, captured the vacant California State junior middleweight championship by stopping Zack Hewitt, 154, Union City, in 0:18 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. Hewitt (9-5) floored Perez (15-1) with a right hand early in the first, but Perez evened the score with his own right later in the round. Perez was building a clear points lead over the always dangerous Hewitt when a right hand sent the Northern Californian through the ropes and onto the press table in the closing seconds of the sixth. Hewitt took 20 to 30 unanswered blows in the next round, forcing the intervention of referee Larry Rozadilla.

Genaro Hernandez, 131½, Los Angeles, stamped himself as a prospect to watch with a clear unanimous victory over previously unbeaten Larry Villarreal, 132, Fresno, in a featured six. Hernandez (8-0) floored Villarreal (9-1) in the first, then counterpunched off the ropes to dictate the action in all but the fourth round. Scoring: referee Chuck Hassett, 59-54; judge Rozadilla, 58-55; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 59-54.

Glenn Kennedy, 176, West Covina, was far behind on points when he floored and stopped John Smith, 175, Rialto, in 1:33 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Rozadilla, referee.

Popular Tony Paisson, 160, Pasadena, flattened Drafton Bunch, 157½, Bonita, in 1:21 of the fourth and final round. Bunch boxed well, but he is not strong enough to hold off full middleweights. Jen-Kin, referee.

Unbeaten Lee Sentinella, 162, Westminster, wore down and stopped winless Ken Larson, 160½, San Bernadino. Referee Jen-Kin stopped the fight at 1:35 of the fourth and final round after Larson slumped slowly to the canvas.

Nacho Guerrero, 132, Sun Valley, Kayoed Phil Brown, 132¾, San Diego, with a left hook to the body in 1:00 of the third round in a scheduled four. Jen-Kin, referee.

Dr. Michael Duluca, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, promoter.

(03-31-86)

▶**PALM SPRINGS—Hilton Rivera Hotel**—Former WBC super bantamweight champion Jaime Garza, 125, San Fernando, knocked out Jorge Diaz, 124¾, Los Angeles, in 1:20 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Garza (41-1 with 40 knockouts), having only his second fight since losing his title in November, 1984, floored Diaz twice in the third. Referee Marty Denkin waved it over following the second knockdown without bothering to count.

Unbeaten Greg Puente, 130, Alhambra, unanimously outpointed experienced Jorge Valdez, 131, Huntington Park,, in a good six. Puente lost only the opening stanza. Lou Moret, referee.

Debuting Andres Meza, 123, South El Monte, overpowered game Luis Vargas, 124, Los Angeles, in 1:20 of the second in a scheduled four. Denkin, referee.

Gerardo Lopez, 137, Bell, stopped comebacking Diego Galaz, 136, Los Angeles, in 2:16 of the third round in their scheduled four. Lopez was in command after Galaz opened every round with a flurry of punches. Moret, referee.

Gerardo Nava, 136¾, Anaheim, and Rodney Capps, 139, San Bernardino, drew, four. Nava chased and might have been a little unlucky not to win. Scoring: referee Moret and judge Raul Caiz, both 38-38; judge Denkin, 40-36, Nava.

Norberto Ayala, 119, Anaheim, unanimously outpointed Sergio Gamino, 117½, Huntington Park, four, clearly winning every round. Moret, referee.

Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, Roy Englebrecht, promoters.

(04-05-86)

▶**LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena**—Chong-Pal Park, 168, retained his International Boxing Federation super middleweight championship for the third time by knocking out Vinnie Curto, 167, in 2:15 of the 15th and final round. Unable to hold off Park in the 15th, Curto desperately tried to run away, but a long right floored the challenger in his own corner where he was counted out by non-scoring referee Hank Elespuru.

Park, who had been knocked out in his only other bout outside of the Orient, merits respect after this decisive win over the veteran Curto. Through 14 rounds, Park was clearly ahead on the cards of all three judges. Oscar Bryan of Virginia Beach, Virginia scored the bout 137-130; judge Yuh favored his countryman, 137-128; local official John Thomas had it closer at 134-131.

Park, who had won a 15 round decision over Curto in his second defense of the title last July in Seoul, Korea, raised his record to 40-3-1 with 35 knockouts. Curto fell to 58-7-3 with 27 knockouts.

Top rated IBF super middleweight Lindell Holmes, 164¾, Detroit, gradually overwhelmed Matthew Lewis, 164¼, Los Angeles, in a scheduled 10. Lewis (8-4) was retired by ringside physician Dr. Bernhart Schwartz at the end of the seventh because of a cut left eye. Holmes (30-4) let 70-65, 70-64, and 69-65, on the official scorecards. Marty Denkin, referee.

James (Buddy) McGirt, 143½, Brentwood, Long Island, New York, hammered Kelly Koble, 144¼, San Jose, to defeat in 1:07 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. McGirt (25-0-1) was in a different class, but the tough Koble (11-3-1) was never off his feet. Referee Denkin made a well-timed intervention.

Told by the California Commission to "win or retire," trial horse Pedro Guerrero, 155½, Gardena, won a majority decision over more talented Gary Petty, 157½, St. Martin, Dutch Antilles, in a good eight. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 78-76; judge Denkin, 77-75; judge John Thomas, 78-78.

Prospect Kenny Wyatt, 130½, Los Angeles, TKO'd experienced Martin Galvan, 132, Santa Paula, at 2:20 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. A cut on Galvan's right eyelid caused the stoppage. Rozadilla, referee.

Accomplished actor John Diehl (detective Larry Zito on TV's popular *Miami Vice*) was stunningly halted by no-hoper Eugene Holley, 158½, Ashtabula, Ohio, in 1:29 of the second in a scheduled four round co-feature. Diehl's first professional boxing opponent had fallen on cue in the opening round, and it seemed as if Holley was following the same script when he was floored by a left jab in the first. But Holley, who was knocked out in each of his five previous fights, kept swinging hopefully and badly stunned, then floored Diehl, 160¾, New York City, with rights in the closing seconds of the round. The drama continued in the second, when a right lifted Holley off his feet and flat onto his back, his head cracking hard on the canvas. Amazingly, Holley jumped up and as Diehl went in for the kill, Holley scrambled the plot a final time with another right which sent the TV and movie star melting to the canvas. Rozadilla, referee.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., Bill Caplan, ring announcers.
Gemini Boxing, Inc.
Harris Schwartz, Al Braverman, promoters.

▶**BAKERSFIELD—Civic Auditorium**—Olympic light flyweight gold medalist Paul Gonzales, 116½, East Los Angeles, scored his fourth straight pro win but had to travel the full 10-round distance to unanimously outpoint Arizona trier Javier Barajas, 116¼, Tucson. Barajas was the aggressor but appeared frustrated over his inability to catch up to the skillful Gonzales. Scoring: referee Marty Denkin, 100-90; judge Robert Byrd, 100-90; judge Raul Caiz, 99-91.

Heavyweight champion John Tate, 274, Knoxville, returned to the ring after a two and-a-half-year lay-off to stop Steve Eisenbaarth, 235, Houston, in 2:32 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Tate dropped the very slow Eisenbarth with a heavy left hook, then hammered him with eight solid punches without a reply before referee Byrd intervened.

Jose Gonzalez, 130, Stockton, worked hard to unanimously outscore (58-56, 58-56, 59-55) Gene Salazar, 127½, Bakersfield, in a six filled with even exchanges. Byrd, referee.

Margarito Arreola, 116, East Los Angeles, impressively opened his pro career with a quick first round (2:16) stoppage of Pedro Lara, 120, Highland. Lara was floored three times in a bout scheduled for six. Denkin, referee.

Lionel Washington, 223, Bakersfield, scored two knockdowns in the first, then finished Kyle Baker, 201, Clovis, with a right in 2:34 of the second in a scheduled four. Byrd, referee.

Dr. Michale Tivnon, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Bill Mandeleros, ring announcer.
Don Chargin, matchmaker.
Fred Wright, Thad Spencer, promoters.

(04-17-86)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Very popular Tony Deluca, 110½, San Diego, flattened tiny newcomer Oscar Aguilar, 107¾, San Diego, with a left hook in 1:47 of the second in a scheduled eight. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Another San Diego winner was Gilbert Baptist, 153¾, who was a long way behind on points when he cleanly kayoed comebacking Manuel Vallejo, 154, Los Angeles, with a right hand in 1:46 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Baptist had been floored in the second and lost a point for low blows earlier in the deciding round. Pat Russell, referee.

In a cruiserweight eight, unbeaten David Graves, 185, San Diego, drew with once beaten Joey Christjohn, 195, San Luis Obispo. Christjohn was unlucky not to win. Scoring: referee Fritz

Werner, 77-76, Graves; Russell, 78-75, Christjohn; judge Frank Rustich, 76-76.

Powerful Ron Daniels, 171¼, Paso Robles, wore down and stopped Manuel Murillo, 173¾, San Diego, in 0:32 of the eighth and final round. Referee Dr. Jen-Kin did not bother to count after Murillo had been floored for the third time. It was always wild and exciting, beginning with an exchange of first round knockdowns. Murillo was also down in the third.

All four eights were for area championship belts sponsored by Stroh's Breweing Company.

Jerry Grant, 142, San Diego, floored Billy Betts, 139¾, Paso Robles, in the second and won going away in a four-round prelim., Werner, referee.

Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Tom Kelly, ring announcer.
Jerry Niss, matchmaker.
Mike Altinger, promoter.
(04-17-86)

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Unbeaten Jesus Salud, 118, Waianae, overcame a badly cut left eyebrow caused by a sixth round unintentional head clash, and advanced to the finals of The Forum Bantamweight Tournament with a captivating 10 round split decision over Kenny Mitchell, 117¾, Pensacola. Although there were no knockdowns, the big hitting Salud (20-0) hurt Mitchell often enough to win by suprisingly large margins on two of the official cards. The verdict was popular, but *The Ring* had to sympathize with Mitchell (15-6-2), who won rounds four through seven by walking through Salud's best punches to pound the Hawaiian with non-stop combinations to the head and body. Salud outpunched Mitchell in an exciting final three rounds to win what should have been a desperately close decision. Scoring: referee Marty Denkin, 97-92, Salud; judge Vince Delgado, 97-93, Salud; judge Gwen Adair, 96-94, Mitchell. One point was deducted in the seventh from Mitchell for head butting.

Journeyman Larry Alexander, 232, Bronx, New York, knocked out jaded Stan Ward, 236, Sacramento, in 2:58 of the second in a scheduled 10 round Forum Heavyweight Tournament elimination bout. The former California State heavyweight champion fought so poorly that referee Denkin did not even count when an on-target left hook-straight right sent Ward crashing to the canvas earlier in the second. Ward (19-7-2), fighting for the first time in 28 months, lumbered up only to be stretched face down by an Alexander left hook. Referee Denkin dutifully completed the count. Alexander (29-10) has won seven in a row.

In another first round heavyweight bout, Rufus Hadley, 219, Edmonton, was clearly outboxing listless Donnie Long, 222½, Youngstown, when Long (16-5) was retired at the end of the fourth in a scheduled 10 because of a deep vertical gash across the corner of his right eye. Referee Lou Filippo had to go to Long's corner at the end of the third to ask for more action. Hadley claims a record of 11-0-1.

Mauro Diaz, 117¼, Los Angeles, punched too hard for Jorge Alba, 117¼, Los Angeles, who was floored and stopped in 2:26 of the second. Alba was also decked in the first. Filippo, referee.

Unbeaten southpaw Kenny Wyatt, 131, Los Angeles, took only 0:56 to kayo Alex Vega, 130, Los Angeles, in a scheduled six. Wyatt floored Vega with his second punch of the fight and finished an easy job with a right uppercut. Kenny Davis, referee.

Rapidly improving Ray Taylor, 144, San Diego, flattened Steve Cesena, 147¼, Pomona, in 2:37 of the first round in a scheduled four. Cesena was down twice, the first time just 0:15 into the round. Denkin, referee.

Javier Macias, 122, Sun Valley, battered poor Sergio Gamino, 118, Los Angeles, to defeat in 2:52 of the second in a scheduled four. Gamino was down in the first and under constant pressure. Davis, referee.

There were some anxious moments after Oscar Chavarria, 118¾, Santa Ana, knocked out Norberto Ayala, 118¾, Anaheim, with a right uppercut in 0:53 of the third round in their scheduled four. Ayala lay motionless on the mat for nearly a minute, but he was only briefly unconscious. Davis, referee.

Roger Carillo, 159, Corona, made a successful debut with a four-round unanimous decision win over Granger Korff, 164, Hollywood. Carillo had to come back from a first round knockdown. Scoring: referee Filippo, 38-37; judge Davis, 38-37; judge Adair, 39-37.

Dr. Michael Deluca, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Antonio Curtis, matchmaker.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(04-21-86)

▶**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Club favorite Manny Olivas, was disappointingly defeated in his main event debut, but not because of a lack of effort. Popular Olivas, 118½, Canoga Park, chased but could not catch elusive Bernie Mack, 117, Stockton, who won an eight-round unanimous decision. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 78-74; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 79-73; judge Raul Caiz, 77-76.

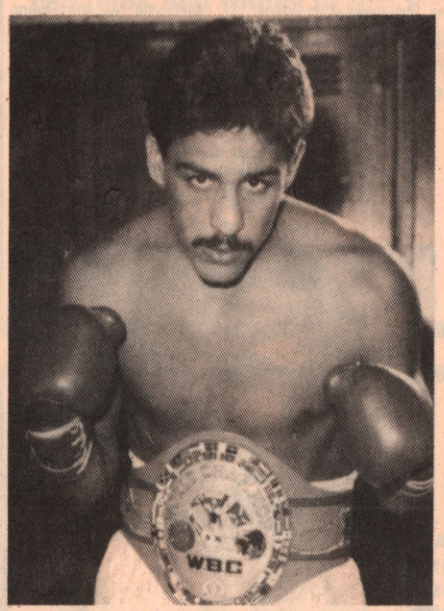
Eddie Rodriguez, 123¼, San Jose, was ahead on points when he stopped Alex Madrid, 124, San Diego, at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled eight due to a cut over Madrid's right eye. Madrid was unusually tentaive. Jen-Kin, referee.

Two hard fought prelims were decided in the last round. Lamart Baker, 130, Las Vegas, lost a majority verdict to unbeaten Greg Puente, 129¾, Alhambra, when Baker was penalized one point for spitting out his mouthpiece in the sixth. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 57-56; judge Caiz, 58-55; judge Thomas, 57-57.

Roscoe Brown, 142, Stockton, floored John Battle, 139, Las Vegas, twice in the first, lost the second and the third, then won a split points decision by taking the fourth and final rounds. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 38-37, Battle; judge Thomas, 38-36, Brown; judge Caiz, 38-37, Brown.

Darrell Colquitt, 146, Los Angeles, gained his initial pro victory by clearly outscoring first-timer Carlos Gutierez, 146, Los Angeles, four. Scoring: referee Thomas. 40-36; judge Caiz, 39-37; judge Jen-Kin, 40-37.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Jerry Niss, matchmaker.
Daniel Goossen, promoter.
(04-29-86)



Former WBA super bantamweight boss Jaime Garza recorded his third straight knockout with an impressive fourth round kayo over Mario Gomez in Irvine.

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Hard hitting former WBA super bantamweight champion Jaime Garza, 125, Pacoima, scored his third straight inside-the-distance win since losing his title with an impressive knockout victory over competant southpaw Mario Gomez, 123½, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Garza (43-1) began to take command in the third and then flattened Gomez (19-7) with a right in 1:12 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Pat Connolly, referee.

Unbeaten Genaro Hernandez, 129¾, Los Angeles, TKO'd tough and awkward Jorge Valdez, 131, Huntington Park, at 1:39 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Valdez was never in any danger, but referee Vince Delgado determined that "Valdez had no chance to win."

Ricky Romero, 117, Torrance, stepped up to bantamweight for the first time and struggled to unanimously outpoint light punching Genaro Espitia, 118, North Hollywood, six. Romero, undefeated in eight fights, lost only the fourth round. Delgado, referee.

Local favorite Lee Sentinella, 162, Westminster, and Milton Bush, 159½, La Habra, fought an entertaining four-round draw. Sentinella's combination punching might have earned him a slight edge, but Bush was always dangerous with his right. Scoring: referee Delgado, 38-38; judge Lou Moret, 39-39; judge Pat Connolly, 39-38, Sentinella.

Bruce Pearson, 137, Los Angeles, began well, but was too inexperienced to cope with the aggression of Geraldo Lopez, 139, Bell. Lopez landed a lot of hard shots to the head before Pearson went over in 2:18 of the second in a scheduled four from a crushing right. Pearson protested the stoppage by referee Moret.

Dave Yonko, 226, Long Beach, battered limited Jim Ashard, 212, Eugene, and won unanimously, Moret, referee.

Ronnie Gutierrez, 126, Phoenix, unanimously outscored Greg Ortega, 129 La Puente, four. Gutierrez was suprisingly floored in the first, but returned the favor in both the second and the third. Monet, referee.

Dr. Michael Deluca, Dr. Mario Ficarola, ringside physicians.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, promoter and matchmaker.
(04-28-86)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—David Gutierrez, 147, San Diego, notched his 13th straight win with an unanimous points decision over journeyman southpaw Russell Mitchell, 146, Paso Robles, but the Olympic Trials runner-up is still not making sufficient progress to become a top pro. Gutierrez was again hampered by a gash on his left eyelid which bled continuously from the second, and was also wobbled in the sixth and the eighth. *The Ring* agreed exactly with the 77-75 scores of referee Marty Denkin and judge Raul Caiz; judge Lou Moret was right in line at 78-75.

Mike Sedillo, 175, Chino, jabbed his way to an easy win over Ronnie Daniels, 171, Paso Robles, who was rescued by referee Denkin when he stopped fighting back at 0:56 of the eighth and final round. Sedillo (16-2) floored Daniels (7-3) in the third and won every round.

Ray Taylor, 140, San Diego, clearly lost the first three rounds before rallying to halt amateur star Jerry Grant, 139, San Diego, at 2:16 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Grant was floored three times in the fatal round.

Debuting tough-guy Richard Neff, 160, San Diego, constantly ran into the jabs and wild swings of last minute substitute Juan Neri, 165, San Diego, but produced just enough aggression to win a disputed split decision in a crowd pleasing four. Scoring: referee Moret, 39-38, Neff; judge Hal Rickards, 39-37, Neff; judge Raul Caiz, 39-37, Neri.

Eric McNair, 150, San Diego, failed to impress while winning a majority four-round verdict over German Mendoza, 149, Tijuana. McNair stayed busy but his punches were soft and inaccurate. Scoring: referee Moret, 39-37; judge Hal Rickards, 38-38; judge Caiz, 39-37.

Heavy handed Roke Harris, 173½, San Diego, knocked out Keith Johnson, 173, San Diego, in 1:35 of the first round in their scheduled four, flooring him twice. Caiz, referee.

Dr. Michael Lundeen, ringside physician.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Tom Kelly, ring announcer.
Jerry Niss, matchmaker.
Mike Altinger, promoter.
(05-15-86)

DEAN LOHUIS

MASSACHUSETTS

▶**BOSTON—Freeport Hall**—Local hero Kenny Butler, the "Fighting Mailman" from Hyde Park, returned to the ring after a six-month lay-off and stopped Mark Allman, 153, Memphis, at 2:45 of round two in their scheduled eight-rounder. Butler, 154, had last fought in December, dropping a ten-round decision to Fred McGee in Miami. The shorter Allman tried to stay inside and work Butler's body, but his attack never amounted to much. Butler, behind a crisp left jab, outpunched Allman three-to-one. After Butler pinned Allman in a corner late in the second and flailed away for quite some time without any retaliation, referee Tommy Collins called it off. Butler's record improves to 18-4; Allman is a supposed 19-8.

A featured six-rounder saw Barry Stroum, 140, Whitman, Mass., make an impressive pro debut against Larry Smith, 140, Philadelphia. Stroum, billed as the "Whitman Hitman," cut down the ring against the dancing Smith, and had a knockdown late in round one ruled a slip when Smith got tangled in his legs on the way down. Early in the second Stroum floored Smith with a straight left, and the Philly boxer's corner threw in the towel, with the official stoppage coming at 35 seconds.

Paul Shorts, 145, Providence, R.I., stopped Philly's Maurice Rice, 141, at 1:00 of the fourth and final round.

Julio Mercado, 159, Boston, won a close but unanimous decision over William Roberson, 155, Brooklyn, four.

Steve Estein, 136, Paterson, N.J., won by TKO over Boston's George Martinez, 137, with ref Collins calling a halt at 2:15 of the third round of their scheduled four.

Derek Tresvant, 155, Stoughton, Mass., fought an exhibition against Robert Palmewr, 143, Philly, but Palmer retired with a broken nose in round one.

Referees—Tommy Collins worked Martines-Estein, Stroum-Smith, and Butler-Allman.
Judges—Jack Caparell, Robert McCoy.
Timekeeper: John Fitzgerald.
Promoter—Doug Pendarvis
Physician—Dr. Rene Barrette.
Attendance—500 (estimated).
Gate—$5,000 (estimated).
(05-17-86)

JAY N. MILLER

MICHIGAN

▶**MT. CLEMENS—Thomas Crystal Gardens**—This definitely was a step down for the usual competitive club cards that ABC Promotions has put on in the past few months at the Gardens. The only fight to go the distance had Tracy Harris Patterson, 126½, New Paltz, N.Y., score a unanimous 6-round decision over a game Ricky West, 128, Cleveland, who made the fight much closer than the scores of 60-54, 59-55, and 59-55 reflected. It was a good tight fight with the popular Patterson taking in a hard earned victory.

That fight lasted 18 minutes; the remaining 6 fights took up only 17 minutes and 22 seconds. There were a lot of quick knockouts, some good and some shakey. Perhaps the best fight on the card featured the professional debut of 16-year-old Fred (The Tank) Adams, 123¼, Detroit. Adams' looks are very deceiving—a young, short, stocky, baby faced looking white youngster who looks about 14. The kid can fight though! His pro debut had him in with a good looking David Jones, 120, Buffalo, N.Y., with a 1-0 record. The two had a war in the opening round, with perhaps Jones having a very slight edge, but Adams pouring it on in the second and dropping Jones twice, with a left hook, right hand laying out Jones for the count the second time at 1:23 of the canto. The bout had the fans on their feet.

The main event had Vince (Blue Thunder) Hopper, 177¾, Westland, Mich., land a crunching right hand on the button that slammed Melvin Ricks, 177¼, Cleveland, down into the canvas with his head echoing off the mats at 0:29 of the opening stanza. Hopper moved to 9-0 as a pro.

A special feature had Spencer (The Warrior) Chavis, 195, Dearborn Heights, Mich., score a three-round TKO over Earl

Lewis, 201, Youngstown, Ohio, the 1:14 point of the round. Chavis, 18-1, dropped the wornout looking Lewis 5 times in the contest.

Earnie (Ice Tea) Houser, 150, Detroit, ran his record to 6-1 with a shakey looking knockout over Dwayne Herrod, 145½, Buffalo, in 2:43 of the opening round.

Another of trainer-sculptor Don Thibideaux's youngsters made a pro debut as son Donnie Thibideaux, 161½, Roseville, Mich., scored a K.O. at the 2:02 mark of the first round over Sidney White, 157, Ashtabula, Ohio. While no action was taken, White's performance definitely upset some of the state officials.

Showing excellent power in a fight that was expected to go the full four rounds between debuting heavyweights, Tyrone Armstrong, 231, Pontiac, Mich. (co-managed by Pinklon Thomas), ripped a rib cracking right hand to the body that made Toughman winner Curt Muhl's eyes bulge and drop him to one knee for the ten count in only 0:31 of the opening frame.

ABC Promotions.
Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.
Announcer—Jim Ingram.
Referees—Marv MacDonald, Bob Fisher.
Judges—Chuck Fecay, Phil Ladoceur, Cynthia Wrobel.
Chief Inspector—James Cullen.
Timekeeper—William Hunter, Sr.
Attendance—400 (estimated).
(05-21-86)

DAVE HARTOON

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—The opener under new management following the controversial and rancorous ouster of Don Elbaum brought in a lesser house, but also a TV contract (MSG Cable).

Mike Olajide, 159½, Vancouver, etched out a unanimous win over James (Hard Rock) Green, 158, Irvington, in a monotonous 10. When Olajide debuted here with an exciting win over Curtis Parker, he made an instant hit. But his awaited return dissolved into boos. The difference was the opponent. Whereas Parker and Green may seem alike at a glance, the former's kamikaze attack made Olajide fight for his life, and he rose to the occasion. But Green, cut loose by Dan Duva and now with Caroline Kelly, preferred only to stalk and load up for the big bomb. This gave the Canadian room to fail, which he did with the fans, albeit not the judges.

Olajide was able to peck away enough to maintain control, but blamed Green's lack of height for preventing a more impressive offense. "James is used to fighting guys who are much taller, and he can use that to his advantage. He was much harder to hit than Curtis Parker," he complained. But it's easy to be defensive without punching. Green didn't mount an effective attack until the sixth, when a right hand bomb finally caught Mike napping andnearly put him to sleep. In the bout's only excitement, Olajide had to scramble for his life, but showed savvy in his escape. James raised his arms in victory ending the round, then started the seventh purposefully. But by the end of the session, he had blown himself out. Judge Ron Burns was correct at 9-1; Lynne Carter and Rich Strange were generous at 7-2-1. Joe O'Neil, referee.

In a slugfest, John Rafuse, 138¾, Boston, proved just too big and strong for Joe Loving, 135½, Rochester, who was dropped in the first and second, battled back, then was pounded into a standing eight and TKO at 2:47 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Paul Venti, referee.

In a gruelling battle, Billy Barnes, 153, Bethlehem, Pa., upset Mike (Sonny) Carbone, 154¼, Levittown, New York, dropping him in the fourth and taking a unanimous decision, six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Juan Torres, 146¾, Bronx, was lucky to get a split decision over Joe Leddy, 148½, Providence, in a sloppy but earnest four that might better have been a draw. Paul Venti, referee.

Southpaw Earl Moorman, 127¼, Philadelphia, won a majority decision over John Skerett, 125¾, New York, in an undistinguished four. Paul Venti, referee.

Promoters—Madison Square Garden, HBA East, John Nittolo Productions.
Matchmakers—Ron Katz, Bobby Goodman.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-10-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Two former title challengers passed in the night, with their careers going in opposite directions, as Johnny Carter, 121, Philadelphia, TKO'd Ramon Nery, 120, Santo Domingo, at 2:48 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Though neither has set the ring ablaze since losing title shots years ago, Carter is at least waiting around for a shot, while Nery, who recently relocated to New York, seemed only here for the money. With training not his habit, Johnny's career has been stuna out since losing to Jeff Chandler, and he's had to snow his way to a couple of wins. But he still hopes to move from coke to champagne by scoring a title shot.

Carter nearly "jones'd" in the second, however, when the stocky Nery, employing a stalk-and-explode style, dropped him with a suprise right. The Philadelphian regained control and outboxed the Dominican until late in the fourth, when another eruption had him in trouble at the bell. Nery continued the assault in the fifth, until a sharp right uppercut sent him tottering in reverse. Carter then went on a roll until Nery sunk under a blizzard of leather along the ropes. Apparently figuring his only chance at greatness was through mimicry, Ramon bounced up to tell ref Steve Smoger *"no mas"*.

Prince Charles Williams, 175, Mansfield, Ohio, uncorked a withering body barrage to drop and TKO hapless Arthel Lawhorn, 177¾, Detroit, at 0:50 of the third round in a companion 10. A genuine sleeper, Williams has been quietly establishing himself since moving to Philadelphia, while poor Lawhorn appears unrecovered from the Eddie Davis beating. Ted Pick, referee.

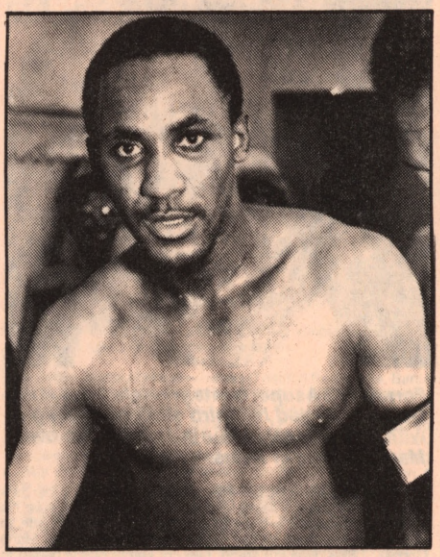
In a savage battle, Vaughn (Turtle) Hooks, 175, Philadelphia, scored a unanimous win over Mike (Kid Norman) Fisher, 174, Newark, eight. Better hands gave Hooks a seemingly insurmountable advantage, as he tormented Fisher mercilessly. Mike was sent corkscrewing around the ring in the fourth, saved by a standing eight from ref Smoger. Fisher continually spit in frustration, showering the commission row with hockers, but refused to concede defeat until a dramatic stretch drive had a tiring Turtle looking for his shell.

Andre Haddock, 159, Philadelphia, was too much for returning Randy Rivers, 159, Trenton, who suffered a standing eight in the third and was unable to come out for the fourth of six. Ted Pick, referee.

Southpaws John Collins, 131, Fayetteville, NC, and Gilberto Maldonado, 130, New York, ended in a meaningless technical draw when Maldonado, cut by a butt, was unable to continue after two of a six. Steve Smoger, referee.

Steve Frank, 135¾, Brooklyn, won a unanimous verdict over Arthur Dewar, 135, New York, in a windmilling four. Ted Pick, referee.

Promoter—J. Russell Paltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Ring Attendance—350 (estimated).
Judges—Al DeVito, Ron Burns, Joe Pasquale.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-18-86)



WBA junior middleweight champion Mike McCallum labored to score a TKO over Jim Shavers in a non-title bout in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int.**—Forgotten champion Mike McCallum, 163¼, New York, returned to action and labored to a TKO win over Jim Shavers, 166, St. Paul, after six rounds of a scheduled 10. Besides getting the rust off the champion, about all the non-title bout accomplished was to make the feared McCallum look like he can't punch. Shavers was only there to last, giving a graphic portrayal of the adage that it's tough to look good against a guy who's not fighting to win. "This guy was slick, as far as being able to survive," the champion averred. Though shots thudded into the veteran club fighter with numbing regularity, he showed enough ring savvy to be always moving in the right direction . . . away.

After the fifth, ref Frank Cappuccino warned Shavers to start showing some offense, drawing an angry rejoinder from manager Joe Daskiewicz, "It's a boxing lesson. What the hell are you knocking him for?" Shavers tried to comply in the sixth, but his "offense" looked more like reckless endangerment, prompting Cappuccino to end it after the round. "My punches would have knocked out junior middleweights. This guy was a middleweight," McCallum excused.

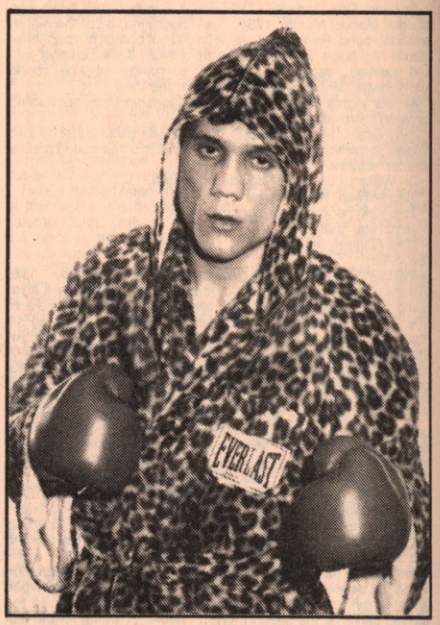
Ford Jennings, 142½, Ft. Worth, won a disputed unanimous verdict over Mike Goudeau, 141¾, St. Louis via Philadelphia, in a fiercely contested eight. Jennings took command in the middle rounds, smashing Mike's nose in the fifth, and battering him to a standing eight in the sixth. But Goudeau staged a gallant rally from that point on, outslugging Jennings the rest of the way, and appearing to deserve the win. Rudy Battle, referee.

In ESPN lightweight tournament action, Rodney Moore, 136, Philadelphia, upset cross-town rival Anthony (Cobra) Williams, 135¼, by split decision, eight. After a couple rounds, the shorter Williams lost the zip to keep on top of the rangy Moore. Just a step slower, it was Cobra who was being snakebit, by Moore's rights as Williams tried to penetrate. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

In the other tourney bout, Miguel Santana, 134¼, Bronx, survived early cuts to easily handle lefty Mike Gamble, 134, Miami, via a unanimous decision in a routine eight. Rudy Battle, referee.

Hustling little fireball Tim Burgess, 132, Brooklyn, upset vaunted Rey Estades, 133¾, Corozal, P.R., who woke up too late to the fact that he was in a fight and dropped a unanimous decision, six. Rudy Battle, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Judges—Charlie Spina, Lynne Carter, John Poturaj.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(05-02-86)



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Doug DeWitt edged Charlie Boston in bout hyped as an "elimination" for a shot at the middleweight title.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—The bout between Doug DeWitt and Charlie Boston was hyped as an "elimination" for a shot at the middleweight crown, but it accomplished that all too well . . . eliminating them both! With two negative performances making for a contest both competitive and muddled, DeWitt, 160, Yonkers, emerged with a surprisingly narrow unanimous decision over Boston, 161, Trenton, 10. Doug started impressively enough, blasting Charlie to the canvas in the first with an inventive left hook over the southpaw's extended right jab.

Eventually, that was all that won Doug the fight! Though he seemed in command through most of the bout, DeWitt was unable to string together three good minutes. Instead, he loaded up in flurries, then posed disdainfully and allowed his opponent to pick up precious points. Meanwhile, Boston lurched and zigzagged around the ring, sticking out defensive punches that were intended more to preserve his own life than take Doug's. The naive judges were impressed by this tactic.

A withering body attack had Charlie ready to fold in the seventh. But DeWitt, seemingly not content with letting a good performance go sour, tried to lose it altogether, and stopped fighting in the late rounds, while Boston mounted a charge that nearly stole it. Though Doug appeared to have won without doubt, judge Eugene Grant had it 6-4; both Phil Newman and Frank Cairo scored 5-5, with DeWitt winning on supplementary points, 45-44. Tony Perez refereed.

The judges bungled even worse in awarding Leslie Stewart, 178½, Trinidad via Ft. Lauderdale, an atrocious unanimous decision over Uriah Grant, 179, Miami, eight. Dropping from a world title shot to a semi-final, Stewart seemed to show he belonged in the latter, not the former. The unskilled, but lively, Grant did most of the fighting, while Stewart seemed more intent on looking polished and slick. Unfortunately, that was enough for the judges. Randy Neuman, referee.

Terry Christle, 160½, a resident surgeon from Dublin now studying in Boston, nearly had surgery performed on him by Kevin Brazier, 160, S. Bend, Ind. Christle was cut up, floored, and nearly gone in the second when he saved himself with two low blows. Brazier then went into the worst dog act since the pound burned down, dropping three times as a re-energized Christle swarmed him for a TKO at 3:00 of the round in a scheduled six. Tony Perez, referee.

Henry Hughes, 141, Cleveland via Paterson, won a technical decision over John McMurren, 142, Philadelphia, after five rounds of a scheduled six. Hughes was ahead on all cards when McMurren was unable to continue from a cut caused by an unintentional butt. Randy Neumann, referee.

Southpaw James (Dynamite) Green, 161, Williamstown, N.J., debuted impressively, flooring Darrell Underwood, 158½, Philadelphia, for a K.O. at 0:42 of the first round in a scheduled four. Randy Neumann, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—700 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(05-06-86)

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▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino**—While not the advertised main event, it nevertheless turned out to be a more competitive and pleasing pairing than the original two-some of Rocky Lockridge and Pedro Montero would probably have been.

Kent Hardee, 135, Fayetteville, N.C., finished strongly in this, his first ever scheduled 10, to take a narrow-as-can-be split nod over southpaw Victor Acosta, 135, Yonkers, N.Y.

Scoring: Richard F. Murry had it 5-4-1, Hardee; Rocky Castellani had it 7-3, Acosta. Judge Richard Strange scored it 5-5 in rounds, but 45-44 in points in favor of Hardee. *The Ring* card read 6-4, Hardee. Joe Cortez, referee.

It was first given as a draw when the ring announcer inadvertently failed to read the points tie breaker on the Strange card. That extra point advantage appeared a borderline ruling. Hardee received the 5-3 mark in round nine, a round he indeed won on all cards, but scored no knockdown—nor did he dominate thoroughly enough to warrant such a margin.

For the most part, this action scrap bristled with inside exchanges, thus cutting down the effectiveness of Acosta's southpaw lead. The more agile Hardee, even with his right eye sporting a rather large knot throughout the later rounds, took the play away just enough to grab the victory.

Fred (Funk) Johnson, 154¼, Brooklyn, and Alfonso Bailey, 152, Paterson, N.J., boxed a six round draw—Murry, 3-2-1, Johnson; Strange, 3-2-1, Bailey; Castellani, 3-3. Steve Smoger, referee. *The Ring* saw it 4-1-1 for the winner as the stronger Johnson seemed to wear out Bailey with a persistent body attack. Back in February, Bailey received a questionable decision over Johnson, so at least Fred is getting closer to a legal win.

In a scheduled eight, Virgil Hill, 174, Grand Forks, N.D., TKO'd Abdul Hakim, 175¼, Hempstead, N.Y., at 0:57 of round four. Hakim was out of his league in this one. He was dropped in round one and busted up badly by the time the ringside physician suggested that referee Smoger stop the bout.

Southpaw Anthony DeShields, 146, Philadelphia, took a four-round majority decision over Ray Velez, 143¼, New York. The difference here was a knockdown of Velez in round two. Joe Cortez, referee.

Ray Daniels, 167, Philadelphia, won a six-round majority decision over Bob Wasilewski, 164, Bayonne, N.J. Scores: Murry and Castellani, both 4-2; Strange saw it 2-2-2. *The Ring* card read 4-2 for Daniels. Steve Smoger, referee. This was a rematch of an April 12th four-round draw.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Main Events, Inc.
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-30-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino**—J. Russell Peltz closed out his salad days as house promoter with a sweet and sour offering—the undercard was first rate, vintage Peltz, while the two tens, well, . . ., let's get on with it.

In the main event, Peltz had to ease Mike Picciotti back into victory lane. Coming off a K.O. loss, Mike needed a win to be a viable headliner on a live gate card Peltz had planned in Philadelphia.

Picciotti, 149, Ridley Township, Pa., is an aggressive type, but has limited mobility; so who is his opponent? All the way from London, England comes Kirkland (The Duran Beater) Laing, 148. Hey, why not? Laing is no puncher, hadn't had a bout in 10 months, and was stopped in that one.

Suffice it to say, Laing was ready for this one, or at the least, Peltz made a tactical error in choosing a foe whose style would stymie that of the house fighter. It was close after five rounds, but as Picciotti got more frustrated, Laing nibbled his way to victory with ever increasing confidence. Picciotti did not win a single round on any of the three official cards after the fifth.

Laing possessed the quick hands and a shifty, kind of herky-jerky motion that Mike just couldn't fathom. Booed intensely by the highly partisan and somewhat immature Picciotti backers for his early negative approach, Laing was also admonished by referee Paul Venti in round two for his lack of offense.

Nevertheless, it was Mike who couldn't seem to put anything together as the bout wore on—resorting to verbal motioning to get Laing to stand there like a dummy and trade.

Scores: Ron Burns, 8-1-1; Frank Brunette, 5-4-1; Lynn Carter, 7-3—all for Laing. *The Ring* card read 8-2, giving Mike rounds one and five.

In the preceding 10, Tony Thornton, 161, Glassboro, N.J., had no trouble in dispatching a poorly prepared Earnest Jackson, 160, Philadelphia, Pa. by K.O. at 2:41 of round two.

A right, hard on the edge of the chin, sent Jackson down and out—a pretty punch, but certainly not a competitive match. Jackson, who usually boxed at 147-152, had been inactive for nineteen months due to a street fight stabbing; the powerful Thornton was primed at 12-0 with 11 kayoes coming in. Steve Smoger, referee.

Opening the show was a fast paced eight-rounder that saw Curtis Summit, 147½, Joliet, Ill., take a close but unanimous decision over Nelson (Rocky) Ortiz, 145½, New York. Scores: 5-3 from Brunette, and 4-3-1 on the cards of Carter and Burns. Paul Venti, referee.

Darryl Martin, 141, Harrisburg, Pa., TKO'd Hollister Eliot, 138, at 1:42 of the fifth in a scheduled eight. The lean Eliot used an on target right to make it interesting in the early rounds, but tired under the pressure of Martin. Eliot received a standing eight-count from referee Venti just before the stoppage.

In the best bout on the card, Jose Fuentes, 153, Jersey City, and Cortez Treadwell, 149¼, Detroit, Mich., battled their way to an eight-round draw. While there were no knockdowns, it was action packed nearly the entire 24 minutes. The southpaw Fuentes received the only vote with a 4-3-1 card from judge Brunette, while both Carter and Burns saw it even, 4-4 and 3-3-2, respectively. Steve Smoger, referee.

In the final bout, southpaw John Collins, 136, Jackson, Tenn., and the much taller Steve Frank, 134½, Brooklyn, N.Y. (originally from Guyana) boxed to a standoff over six. Scores: Burns 4-2 for Frank; Carter had it the opposite way, while Brunette had it 3-3. Steve Smoger, referee.

Timekeeper—Arthur Spell.
Promoter—Sands/J.R. Peltz/Tiger Eye.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(05-16-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Hotel-Casino**—A severe clash of styles made for a very sensual affair, as the boxer, Marvin Mack, 172, Philadelphia, wore down the puncher, Poncho Carter, 174¾, Houston, for a knockout victory at 0:41 of round eleven in a scheduled twelve-rounder for the vacant WBC Continental Americas light heavyweight title.

Carter came storming out, looking for an early win. His left was clicking and he was best when mixing the hook to head and body. In round three, Mack was getting busted up and appeared on shakey ground as the round ended—being assaulted by a right and two lefts. He was paid a visit between rounds by the chief ringside doctor.

As the middle rounds unfolded, Mack still looked the part of a frightened kitten, but he nevertheless began to put more pop into his jab, while, at the same time, Carter was beginning to meet said jab face first. Carter's left eye was now bleeding from the same cut he received in the Everett Martin loss, and a cut near the other eye was flowing blood.

Round seven was a slow session, Mack taking a rest while an obviously puffing Carter struggled to march forward. In the next round, Carter continued to eat the jab and the ninth saw Poncho give it one last try in a heavy duty round. Mack was too slick here, however, and boxed brilliantly—using slick movers rather than dancing feet to dominate the three minutes.

In round ten, the left eye cut of Carter opened even further, and the boxer was now in complete control—not having lost a round on the official cards since the sixth. Mack led 98-93 on the card of Milo Savage, 97-93 on Kaczmarek's, and 96-94 on Murry's. *The Ring* had it 95-95, giving Carter a 10-8 edge in round three, but not giving him a round after he swept the first four.

The bout ended swiftly enough when a left, right, left, put Carter down—the last punch being a crushing one to the body. Carter got to his knees at four, but was too deflated to rise any further. Joe Cortez, referee.

John Munduga, 148½, Tampa, Fla., took an eight-round unanimous decision over Leland Hart, 149, Atlanta, Ga. There were no knockdowns. Joe Cortez, referee. Scores: Savage and Kaczmarek, both 5-2-1; Murry, 7-1, same as did *The Ring*. Hart has an odd style for so short a man; he fights backing up. (No wonder he can go the distance.

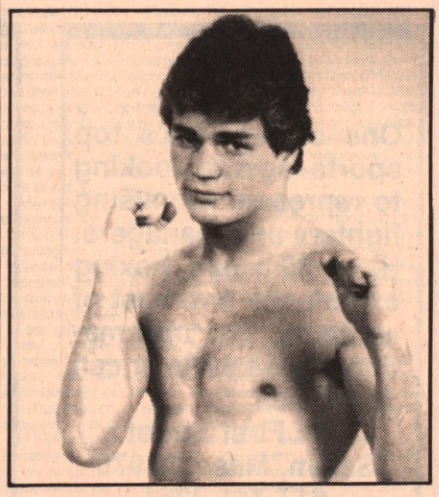
Johnny Banks Walker, 153, Passaic, N.J., TKO'd Brian McGinley, 147¾, Philadelphia, at 2:23 of round three in a scheduled six. McGinley was getting a beating all the way against his switch-hitting foe. Brian was dropped in round three by a left hook to the body and his face was ready to fall apart. The ringside physician came through the ropes to stop the bout. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Tony Martin, 140, Philadelphia, won a ragged six-round majority decision over Rodney Fennell, 138, Washington, D.C. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Craig Snyder, 134½, Canfield, Ohio, won a split four-round decision over Craig (Shining Star) Johnson, 132, Atlantic City. No knockdowns, no scores given. Referee Rainone penalized Johnson in round four for "unnecessary holding."

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Promoter—HBA/Bud Sports.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(05-23-86)

JACK OBERMAYER



Middleweight prospect Keven (E.T.) Moley survived a rugged first round to take a unanimous 10 round decision over Don King.

NEW YORK

▶**STONY BROOK—SUNY Gym**—Following the termination of his weekly Atlantic City series through arcane maneuvering among casino execs, the colorful saga of "The Bum" went full circle—to the grass roots level once again.

Don Elbaum expanded his New Jersey base of neighborhood shows out to Long Island with a modest success, as Kevin (E.T.) Moley, 158½, Selden, won a unanimous decision over veteran Don King, 160¾, Indianapolis, 10. Looking fairly fresh despite a period of inactivity following some severe beatings, King gave Moley a hard workout, but not a real challenge. A solid right buckled Kevin's knees in the first, but for the most part, Don preferred to back up and counter, while Moley "made" the fight. Charlie Norkus refereed.

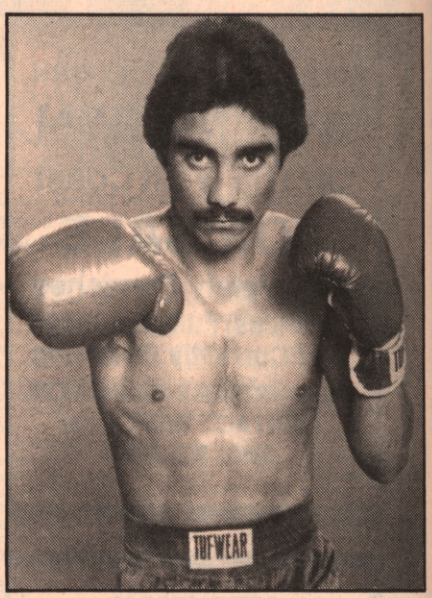
In a dreadful mauler, Matt Farrago, 154½, Commack, was lucky to get a majority decision over Sammy Floyd, 158, Detroit, 10. The veteran Floyd showed Farrago has a lot to learn, but didn't fight aggressively. A draw would have been better, but having a local address may have helped Farrago in the scoring. Fans booed the verdict. Carl Schroder, referee.

In the best fight, Timmy (Holy) Moley, 139½, Selden, got a narrow unanimous decision over hard-luck Sammy Young, 140½, Troy, six. Timmy started strong in bristling action, dropping Young with a sharp body-head combo in the first. But the determined Young wouldn't yield, coming on to sweep the final three rounds and nearly pull it out. Paul Field, referee.

Lefty Greg (Gorilla) Gorrell, 187, Wichita, bowled over muscle-bound bruiser Carmine Veneziano, 191, Monroe, N.Y., dropping him for a TKO at 2:25 of the first round in a scheduled four. Paul Field, referee.

Promoters—Mike Guadagno, Jack Palardy (Action Promotions).
Matchmaker—Don Elbaum.
Attendance—800. Gross—$12,000 (estimated).
Judges—Billy Graham, Artie Levine, Nick Cimino.
(04-20-86)

J.R. JOWETT



Louie Espinoza raised his record to 20-1 (15 kayoes) with TKO over Carmelo Negron.

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Louie Espinoza, 123, Phoenix, TKO'd Carmelo Negron, 124, Brooklyn, at the end of four rounds in a scheduled 12-round Continental Americas junior featherweight elimination bout.

The sharp shooting Espinoza raised his record to 20-1 in cutting up the shorter Negron, a regular performer in Felt Forum shows five years ago. Negron is now 19-7 with 19 kayoes. It was Espinoza's 15th win by stoppage. Louie, who is managed by Dave Wolf, entered the ring ranked ninth by the WBA. Johnny Colan refereed.

Pedro Vilella should call it quits. Floyd (The Mangler) Peavy, 145½, Kew Gardens, New York, TKO'd him at 1:01 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Pedro, 146, Bronx, was down in round two and went through the ropes at the start of the fourth frame from a hook. Ringsiders vilified referee Nick Drake's decision to stop the fight, but Vilella was being used for target practice. Peavy is now 14-1 with 11 kayoes. Vilella, who suffered his fifth straight loss, dropped to 18-5-1 with five wins via stoppage.

Mike Costello, 173½, White Plains, New York, TKO'd Jimmy Smith, 178½, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., at 1:33 of the eighth and final sesson. Sammy Viruet, referee. Costello is now 16-2-1 with nine kayoes. Smith is 16-4 with eight knockouts.

Olympic bantamweight bronze medalist Pedro Nolasco, 126, Dominican Republic, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Sammy Ruiz, 123½, Monticello, New York, six. Scoring: Ruben Garcia, 5-0-1; Eva Shain and Victor Suarez, both 5-1. Nick Drake, referee.

Miguel Alvarez, 127½, New York, TKO'd Tomas Otero, 126, Bronx, at 2:54 of the third round in a scheduled six. Sammy Viruet, referee. Alvarez is now 3-0-1 with two kayoes. Otero is 4-4-2 with three knockouts.

Mark Weinman, 153, Whitestone, New York, went to 4-0 (three kayoes) with a TKO over German Delerme, 153½, New York,

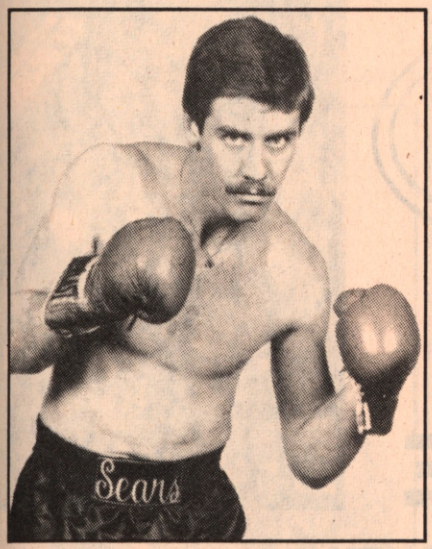
at 2:49 of the first round in a scheduled four. Delerme is now 0-2. Sammy Viruet, referee.

Richard Brownrigg, 175, Long Beach, New York, kayoed Wendell Everett, 178, Freehold, N.J., in 2:26 of the second round in their scheduled four. Nick Drake, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

(05-01-86)



Light heavyweight David Sears outpointed Jack Johnson over 10 rounds at the Felt Forum.

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Former amateur sensation Mark Breland, 149, Brooklyn, now the pro world's 10th ranked welter, kayoed Ricky Avendano, 149½, Alamo, Texas, in 1:06 of the first round in a scheduled 10 with a right-left-right combination. Fred Ucci, referee. Breland is now 12-0 with seven kayoes. Avendano is 9-5-1 with three knockouts.

David Sears, 176, Howard Beach, New York, won a unanimous decision over Jack Johnson, 175, Washington, D.C., 10. Scoring: Carol Castellano, 7-3; Simon Ramos and Danny Whelan, both 8-2. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Paul DeVorce, 132, Yonkers, won a unanimous decision over Troy Davis, 131, Tampa, Fla., 10. Scoring: Castellano and Ramos, both 7-3; Whelan, 8-2. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee. DeVorce is now 23-4 with 12 kayoes. Davis is 7-7-1.

Chris Tiozzo, 160½, Paris, France, won a unanimous decision over a surprisingly tough Michael Peoples, 155½, Monticello, New York, eight. Scoring: Castellano, 7-1 (8-1 in points); Ramos, 6-2 (7-2); Whelan, 6-2. Peoples was down in the first round from a right. Oscar Perez, referee.

Aaron Davis, 149, Bronx, made his pro debut with a majority decision over Juan Torres, 147½, Bronx, six. Carol Castellano and Danny Whelan both scored 5-1 for the winner, but Simon Ramos, who must have been watching another fight on the TV monitor, carded 3-3. Jim Santa, referee.

Bernard Luckes, 146½, New York, made his pro debut with a TKO over Mark Lassic, 148, Hempstead, New York, at 2:24 of the first round in their scheduled four. Jim Santa, referee.

Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedraja.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

(05-15-86)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—Hughie (Buttons) Kearney, 151, W. Philadelphia, scored a unanimous win over Cortez Treadwell, 147½, Detroit via Fayetteville, N.C., eight. Cortez started with the only style that could beat the defensive-minded Kearney: by going after him in bristling action. A right-hand bomb had Hughie hurt on the ropes in the fifth, but not as much as Treadwell thought. The visitor windmilled himself to exhaustion, while the local desperately bobbed to safety. Afterwards, Cortez could no longer sustain an attack, the action settled down, and Kearney boxed his way to the win. Lynne Carter scored 39-34, Carol Polis 38-35, and Al Morris 40-35. Tommy Reid, referee.

Brian McGinley, 149, Kensington, was getting more than expected from Ted Dancy, 154, Fayetteville, until he caught the visitor with his back to the ropes and unloaded a sharp left hook-right cross late in the second. Dancy was wobbled, and had to scrumble to safety in a lively exchange. McGinley quickly hurt him to the body opening the third, with ref Rudy Battle stopping the scheduled eight a bit quickly at 0:34 to the jeers of suspicious fans.

In the best bout, gritty Howard Stewart, 141, N. Philadelphia, stayed in the chest of better-skilled Tony Martin, 140, N. Philadelphia, to upset the highly-regarded unbeaten with a unanimous verdict, six. Tommy Reid, referee.

Curtis Adams, 136, N. Philadelphia, won a majority decision over William Martinez, 138, N. Philadelphia, in a dullish six. Rudy Battle, referee.

Vinnie Burgese, 138, S. Philadelphia, finally managed to batter

UNITED STATES RATINGS
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(As of May 15, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
2. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
3. James Broad (New Jersey)
4. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
5. James Smith (North Carolina)
6. Carl Williams (New York)
7. James Douglas (Ohio)
8. Mike Tyson (New York)
9. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
10. Eddie Gregg (New York)
11. Mike Weaver (California)
12. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
13. Greg Page (Kentucky)
14. Mitchell Green (New York)
15. Michael Dokes (Ohio)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Boone Pultz (Virginia)
1. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
2. Evander Holyfield (Georgia)
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5. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
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14. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
15. Elijah Tillery (New York)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
2. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
3. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
4. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
5. J.B. Williamson (California)
6. David Sears (New York)
7. Grady Smith (Florida)
8. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
9. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
10. Eddie Davis (New York)
11. Charles Williams (Michigan)
12. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
13. Grover Robinson (California)
14. Bobby Jennings (South Carolina)
15. James Salerno (Florida)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Lindell Holmes (Ohio)
1. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
2. Everett Martin (Texas)
3. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
4. Vinnie Curto (Florida)
5. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
6. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
7. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
8. Frank Tate (Texas)
9. Frank Minton (Indiana)
10. Carlos Tite (Indiana)
11. Ron Essett (Indiana)
12. Charles Carter (Washington)
13. Jay Strickland (Texas)
14. Ignacio Zavala (Texas)
15. Chris Reid (New Jersey)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Davey Moore (New York)
2. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
3. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
4. David Braxton (Michigan)
5. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
6. Mark Medal (New York)
7. Tony Ojo (Virginia)
8. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
9. Lupe Aquino (California)
10. Troy Darrell (New York)
11. Fred Hutchings (California)
12. Darrin Van Horn (Louisiana)
13. Mardo Roybal (California)
14. Kenny Snow (Texas)
15. Matthew Farrago (New York)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
3. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
4. Simon Brown (D.C.)
5. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
6. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
7. Mark Breland (New York)
8. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
9. Roman George (Louisiana)
10. Danny Garcia (Puerto Rico)
11. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)
12. George Leach (Maryland)
13. Curtis Summit (Illinois)
14. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
15. Allen Braswell (New York)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Frankie Warren (Texas)
1. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
2. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
3. Lonnie Smith (Colorado)
4. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
5. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
6. Vincent Pazienza (Rhode Island)
7. John Meekins (New York)
8. Mitchell Julien (California)
9. Ricky Young (New York)
10. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
11. Bill Costello (New York)
12. Othal Dixon (Texas)
13. Andy Nance (California)
14. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
15. Vincent Pettway (Maryland)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
2. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
3. Terrence Alli (New York)
4. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
5. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
6. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
7. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
8. Cubanito Perez (California)
9. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
10. Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
11. Fred Pendleton (Florida)
12. Charlie Brown (Pennsylvania)
13. Greg Haugen (Washington)
14. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
15. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
3. Johnny de la Rosa (Michigan)
4. Jackie Beard (Tennessee)
5. Anthony English (New Jersey)
6. Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
7. Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
8. Darrell Savoy (Louisiana)
9. Adrian Arreola (California)
10. Donald Caples (Texas)
11. Raphe Sims (Texas)
12. Jeff Silva (Illinois)
13. Vincent Costello (New York)
14. Keith Stevenson (Florida)
15. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
2. Billy White (Louisiana)
3. Steve Cruz (Texas)
4. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
5. Juan LaPorte (New York)
6. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
7. Refugio Rojas (California)
8. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
9. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
10. Irving Mitchell (California)
11. Joe Ruelas (California)
12. Louie Espinoza (Arizona)
13. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
14. Dana Roston (Nevada)
15. J.L. Ivey (Michigan)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
3. George Garcia (California)
4. Jesse Benavides (Texas)
5. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
6. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
7. Harold Petty (Texas)
8. Mike Ayala (Texas)
9. James Pipps (Texas)
10. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
11. Jorge Ramirez (California)
12. Oscar Muniz (California)
13. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
14. Paulie Ayala (Texas)
15. Earnie Johnson (California)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurley Snead (Michigan)
1. Sam David (New Jersey)
2. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
3. Frankie Duarte (California)
4. Steve McCrory (Michigan)
5. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
6. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
7. Kelvin Seabrooks (North Carolina)
8. James Manning (Oregon)
9. Jimmy Navarro (Florida)
10. David Gauvin (Massachusetts)
11. Jeff Whaley (Michigan)
12. Mike Moreno (Arizona)
13. Bryan Jones (Pennsylvania)
14. Ruben Solario (California)
15. Eddie Rangel (Texas)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Sugar Baby Rojas (Florida)
3. Paul Gonzales (California)
4. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
5. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
6. Felix Marquez (Connecticut)
7. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
8. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
9. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
10. Mario Savala (California)
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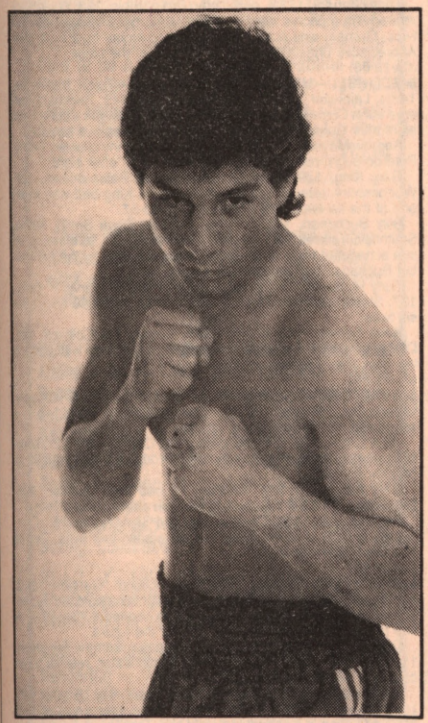
game Ted Greer, 138, Kensington, into a TKO when ref Reid pulled the plug at 2:32 of the fourth and final round.

Wayne Fleming, 160, N. Philadelphia, survived a rocky last round for a unanimous win over Robert Smith, 165, N. Philadelphia, in an ineffective four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Peltz Boxing Promotions).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—SRO, 1,300. Gross—$15,000 (estimated).
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(04-22-86)

J.R. JOWETT



Local hero Vinnie Pazienza outpointed former IBF lightweight champ Harry Arroyo before a crowd of over 10,000 fans in Providence.

RHODE ISLAND

▶**PROVIDENCE—Civic Center**—There may still be some doubts about his boxing abilities, there are no doubts about Vinnie Pazienza's talent for drawing a crowd. On Rhode Island's first 80-degree day of the summer, with the Celtics-Milwaukee playoff game on network TV, Pazienza managed to pull 10,217 fans into the Providence Civic Center. This crowd was the second largest to ever see boxing in the state, with the top crowd being the sellout (13,000 plus) mob that saw his February joust with Joe Frazier, Jr. By way of comparison, Marvelous Marvin Hagler's 1983 defense against Wilford Scypion drew about 8,500.

Fight fans who had seen Pazienza, 136, in action before would have expected him to be much quicker than former IBF lightweight champ Harry Arroyo, 134, Youngstown, Ohio, but they may have harbored questions about the Pazmanian Devil's ability to withstand Arroyo's bombs. After 10 rounds of fast-paced action, the only question remaining was what Arroyo's next career would be. Pazienza swarmed over Arroyo in the opening round, slugging away with wild hooks and uppercuts and backing up the former champ by round's end. Arroyo won the second round on two judges' cards, and ours, by counterpunching accurately while Pazienza laid back and threw wild and infrequent blows. Pazienza's speed took over again in the third and Arroyo was never again in the battle. Arroyo's left eye was swollen half-closed in the third, and, by the bout's finish, both his eyes would be darkened and nearly shut.

Arroyo's much feared counter right landed here and there as Pazienza charged in, but it had no noticeable effect. Pazienza spent some sequences just ducking and dodging Arroyo's blows, making the 28-year old ex-champ look decades older. On other occasions Pazienza's defense was sloppy with Arroyo scoring solid counters to no effect. Arroyo was hurt in the last minute of the fight but gamely held on. Calling the last-round a two-pointer for Pazienza, we scored the bout 49-40, Pazienza. The official scoring would be the subject of some controversy. Judge Walter Stone called it 49-41, and Phil Addison, Jr. saw it as 49-38 Pazienza, but Harry Thomas turned in a 50-29 card, which means he termed every round 5-3, with a 5-2 thrown in. "This scoring sucks," said Arroyo trainer Rich Giachetti afterwards, "We have no gripes with the win for Pazienza, but how the hell do you get a 5-2 round? You'd have to knock him down three times, shoot him, pick him up and knock him down again."

NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS
BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION

(As of May 19, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
2. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
3. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
4. Mike Tyson (New York)
5. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
6. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
7. Mitchell Green (New York)
8. Carl Williams (New York)
9. Marvis Frazier (Pennslyvania)
10. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
11. James Broad (New Jersey)
12. James Smith (North Carolina)
13. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
14. Eddie Gregg (New York)
15. James Douglas (Ohio)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Henry Tillman (California)
1. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
2. Bashiru Ali (California)
3. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
4. Bernard Benton (Ohio)
5. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
6. Evander Holyfield (Georgia)
7. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
8. Anthony Witherspoon (Pa.)
9. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
10. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)
11. Curtis Isaac (Michigan)
12. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
13. Anthony Davis (California)
14. Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
15. Henry Milligan (Delaware)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Edwards (Michigan)
1. J.B. Williamson (California)
2. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
3. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
5. Charles Williams (Michigan)
6. Eddie Davis (New York)
7. David Sears (New York)
8. Prince Mamah Mohammed (Calif.)
9. Edward (Grady) Smith (Florida)
10. Everett Martin (Texas)
11. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
12. James Salerno (Florida)
13. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
14. Diamond Jim MacDonald (Texas)
15. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
1. Donald Lee (Indiana)
2. Michael Olajide (British Columbia)
3. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
4. Iran Barkley (New York)
5. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
6. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
7. Michael Nunn (California)
8. James Kinchen (California)
9. Doug DeWitt (New York)
10. Frank Tate (Michigan)
11. Carl Jones (California)
12. Charles Boston (New Jersey)
13. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
14. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
15. Luis Rivera (New Jersey)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
3. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
4. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
5. Troy Darrell (New York)
6. Mark Medal (New York)
7. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
8. Davey Moore (New York)
9. Kenny Snow (Texas)
10. Kevin Moley (New York)
11. Mardo Roybal (California)
12. Mauricio Rodriguez (Florida)
13. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
14. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
15. Lupe Aquino (California)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
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7. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
8. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
9. Vinnie Pazienza (Rhode Island)
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11. Angel Cruz (Pennsylvania)
12. Ricky Young (New York)
13. Mitchell Julien (California)
14. Andy Nance (California)
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Championship
Vacant
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2. Greg Haugen (Washington)
3. Edwin Curet (Massachusetts)
4. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
5. Terrence Alli (New York)
6. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
7. Cubanito Perez (California)
8. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
9. Fred Pendleton (Florida)
10. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
11. Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
12. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
13. Brian Baronet (Pennsylvania)
14. Chris Calvin (Tennessee)
15. Felix Gonzalez (California)

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Champion
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1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
3. Raphe Sims (Texas)
4. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
5. Keith Stevenson (Florida)
6. Wilmer Ruiz (Texas)
7. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
8. Oscar Bejines (California)
9. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
10. Anthony English (Pennsylvania)
11. Ramon Marchena (Mexico)
12. Donald Caples (Texas)
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14. Vinnie Costello (New York)
15. Vernon Buchanan (Missouri)

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Champion
Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
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2. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
3. Refugio Rojas (California)
4. Steve Cruz (Texas)
5. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
6. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
7. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
8. Billy White (Louisiana)
9. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
10. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
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12. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
13. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
14. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)
15. Adrian Arreola (California)

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2. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
3. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
4. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
5. Jorge (Schoolboy) Ramirez (Calif.)
6. Jaime Garza (California)
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13. Carlos Segura (Mexico)
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15. Alfredo Rangel (Texas)

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Champion
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1. James Pipps (Texas)
2. George Garcia (California)
3. Frankie Duarte (California)
4. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
5. Kelvin Seabrook (North Carolina)
6. Albert Davila (California)
7. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
8. Richard Sandoval (California)
9. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
10. Steve McCrory (Michigan)
11. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
12. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
13. James Manning (Oregon)
14. Raul Perez (Mexico)
15. Kenny Mitchell (New York)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Gonzales (California)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
6. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
7. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
8. Ray Medel (Texas)
9. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
10. Armando Velasco (Mexico)
11. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
12. Marco Antonio Benitez (Mexico)
13. Arturo Mujica (Mexico)
14. Artemio Ruiz (Mexico)
15. Felix Castillo (Texas)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
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2. Joey Olivo (California)
3. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
4. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
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Did anyone else notice that Phil Addison, Jr. is listed as vice chairman of the Civic Center Authority? The fact that he was scoring a bout involving the Civic Center's hottest drawing card makes for more interesting conjecture.

Pazienza, now 19-0-1, claims to be ready for a shot at Livingstone Bramble's title. This would be a natural grudge match, since Pazienza is handled by Lou Duva, recently deposed Bramble mentor. Main Events, headed by Dan Duva, has supposedly offered Bramble $350,000 to meet Pazienza. Arroyo's record falls to 29-3, and since his right hand power appears gone, he'd do well to devote himself fulltime to his work with the Youngstown Police.

The co-feature also led to some controversy, as Marlon Starling, 146, Hartford, lost his USBA welterweight title to Johnny Bumphus, 147, Mt. Laurel, N.J. Scoring was announced to the crowd, and the NBC audience, between rounds, and Starling simply covered up and tried to work inside to Bumphus' body. Bumphus worked combinations off his sharp left jab, kept Starling off him, and won all the early rounds. A clash of heads in the sixth left Bumphus with a gash high on his forehead and a cut over his left eye. Bumphus was well ahead on all cards, so when the ring physician halted the bout, Starling's title was gone. Judge Al DeVita had it 59-56, Charles Spina had 60-54, and Thomas Kazmarek had it 59-55, so Bumphus won the title under USBA rules. Protests were immediate, with Starling's people contending that Lou Duva, Bumphus' manager, and son Dan, the promoter, would not have been so quick to agree to a stoppage if they hadn't known how far ahead they were. A rematch would certainly seem appropriate.

A sluggish middleweight eight-rounder saw Doug Mallett, 160, Providence, take a unanimous decision over Dan Chapman, 160, New Paltz, N.Y.

An eight-rounder opened the program, with Attleboro, Mass. lightweight David Rivello, 131, taking a clearcut decision over Speedy Gonzalez, 132, Troy, N.Y.

A scheduled six-rounder saw Somerville, Mass. slugger Franco DiOrio, 135, stop Al Jackson, 141, Hartford, midway through round four.

Bob Guiducci, 141, Weymouth, Mass., won a close and bloody six-round decision over Emilio Rabago, 142, Melrose, Mass.

David Alers, 127, Springfield, stopped Jose Lopez, 127, Pawtucket, R.I. at 58 seconds of the second round in their scheduled four.

Referees—Tony Perez worked Pazienza-Arroyo; Vinnie Rainone worked Bumphus-Starling; Steve Marcello worked Rivello-Gonzalez and Alers-Lopez.

Judges—Aside from the USBA title bout, the judges rotated for each bout. Walter Stone, Phil Addison, Jr., Harry Thoms, James Burchfield.

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Attendance—10,217

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EUROPE

MONACO

▶MONTE CARLO—Louis II Stadium—Former Olympic gold medalist Patrizio Oliva, 140, won the WBA junior welterweight title with a split but popular decision over defending champion Ubaldo Sacco, 139¾, Argentina, after 15 hard fought rounds.

Scoring: Rodolfo Hill (Panama), 145-141, Oliva; Young-Soo Chung (Korea), 147-144, Olvia; Bill McConkey (U.S.), 145-140, Sacco. *The Ring* had it 144-141, Oliva. Frank Cappuccino (U.S.) was the non-scoring referee.

Sacco was outboxed and outmaneuvered by the handsome Italian, who raised his pro log to 44-0.

Museta Bingunia, Zaire, stopped Ivor Jones in two.

Christophe Tizzo, France, won a unanimous decison over Jim Shavers, U.S., eight.

Arce Rossi halted Lexter Boucaud in round four.

Sumbu Patrizio Kalembai outscored Cliff Gilpin, Great Britain.

Attendance—3,000 (estimated).

(03-15-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

UNITED KINGDOM

▶LONDON—Alexandra Pavilion—Tony Sibson, 159, kept his Commonwealth middleweight title by outpointing Amaru Sanda, 159¾, Ghana, referee Roland Dakin scoring it 120-114 after 12, indicating Sibson had won every round.

John Maloney, Barnet, 126, won the vacant Southern Area featherweight title by stopping Gary Nickels, Paddington, 125½, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 2:12 of round one. Maloney was down briefly, then got up to floor his man with a left hook to the jaw. Maloney put on the pressure when Nichels got up, and that was it.

George Collins, 148, kayoed American Hector Perez, 143, with a left to the body in 1:25 of the opening round.

Lee McKenzie, 147, Croydon, drew with David Griffiths, 145, Cardiff, over eight. Reg Thompson, referee.

Neil Munn, Cardiff, was decked in round three, but got up to outpoint Portugal's Victor Perreira, 162½, over six twos, referee Jacobs scoring it 59-58.

Mickey Kilgallon, 148½, outpointed Portugal's Victor Carvalho, 149½, referee Thompson casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Debutant Tommy Roberts, 145, Yately, won every round in outpointing Portugal's Antonio Monteiro, 142, referee Thompson scoring it 60-57 after six twos.

Tony Graham, 133½, outpointed Ernie Noble, 133, Wakefield, referee Thompson's card showing a narrow 59-58½ after six twos. Graham was cut on the head, and Noble by the left eye. Appreciative ringsiders threw in nobbins at the close.

(03-19-86)

▶SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club—Tony McKenzie, 142½, Leicester, stopped Simon Eubanks, 145, Peckham, referee John Coyle intervening at 0:15 of round four in a scheduled eight after Eubanks had been down in the previous session.

Andrew Mayers, 140, Aston, outpointed Lenny Gloster, 142½, Peterborough, referee Coyle casting it 79-77 after eight.

Gary King, 129, Burnt Oak, outpointed Peter Bowen, 128, Wednesbury, referee Coyle indicating that King had won every one of the six-twos with a scoreline of 60-57.

Billy Buchanan, 138, Dundee, stopped Dave Smith, 137¾, Smithfield, referee Paul Thomas intervening at 1:20 of round six in a scheduled eight twos. Smith had a swelling by the left eye, but Buchanan had established a good lead.

Tony Richards, 136, Nottingham, outpointed Marvin P. Gray, 137, Stanley, referee Thomas calling it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Keith Downer, 119½, Shoreditch, kayoed Ian Colbeck, 121, Darlington, in round five of a scheduled eight twos with a left to the chin. Paul Thomas, referee.

(03-19-86)

▶BRADFORD—Sporting Club—Carl Crook, 135, Chorley, kayoed Doug Munro, 136, Glasgow, in 0:55 of round two in a scheduled six. Mickey Vann, referee.

Nigel Crook, 129, Chorley, outpointed Carl Gaynor, 127, Manchester, referee Vann (who officiated throughout) scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

Gary Fairclough, 214, Chorley, kayoed Mick Cawdon, 205, Doncaster, in 1:38 of the opening round in a scheduled six twos.

Sean Leighton, 158, Chorley, stopped Glyn Davies, 153, Doncaster, in 0:25 of round three in a scheduled four twos. Davies had been down for eight.

(03-24-86)

▶BLACKPOOL—Winter Gardens—David Garside, 212, Hartlepool, outpointed Belgian heavyweight champion Al Syben, 226½, over eight, referee Mickey Vann scoring it 79½-77½. A fine performance which augurs well for the future.

Central Area light middleweight champion Sammy Sampson, 154, outpointed Billy Ahearne, 158, Manchester, referee Vann casting it 79-78 after eight.

Midlands Area cruiserweight champion Roy Smith, 190, stopped Joe Threlfall, 190½, referee Vann intervening at 1:10 of round seven in a scheduled eight with Threlfall under extreme pressure.

Peter Crook, 138½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Les Remekie, 135, Croydon, referee Keith Garner casting it 60-57½ after six.

Karl Ince, 147, gained a narrow points win over Neil Patterson, also 147, Darlington, referee Garner casting it 59-58½ after six.

Down in the first minute of the fight, Dave Hall, 142, Manchester, got up to stop Ted Mahaffey, 137½, referee Garner calling a halt at 1:30 of the opening round after Mahaffey had been floored for eight.

(03-20-86)

▶HULL—Cottingham—Mark Walker, Manchester, 170, drew with Sean O'Phoenix, 167, over eight. Ron Hackett, referee.

Gypsy John, Rhyl, 120, outpointed Gerry McBride, 119½, scoreline 59½-58 after six.

Peter Brown, 161, outpointed debutant Johnny Nelson, 164, Sheffield, scoreline a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Carl Cleasby, 127, Bradford, outpointed Nigel Crook, 128, Chorley, scoreline 59½-58 after six.

Ron Hackett officiated throughout.

(03-18-86)

▶LONDON—National Sporting Club—Wally Reynolds, 141½, the son of former welter and middleweight champion Wally Swift, Birmingham, made it five in a row by narrowly outpointing Paul Cook, 140½, Bethnal Green, over eight, referee Roy Francis scoring it 79-78½. A great fight.

Gary Stretch, 156, St. Helens, won every round in outpointing Franki Moro, Ghana, 154, referee Francis scoring it 80-76. Moro did well to survive a torrid opening round.

Rocky McGran, 160, Belfast, outpointed Malcolm Melvin, also 160, Birmingham, referee Paddy Sower calling it 59-58 after six.

Joe Donohoe, 129½, Walworth, outpointed Nigel Senior, 131½, Nottingham, referee Sower casting it 60-56½ after six twos.

Gypsy Carman, 194, Norwich, outpointed Chris Harbourne, 192, Birmingham, referee Sower scoring 59½-58 after six twos. Harbourne has been inactive for 18 months.

(03-24-86)

▶LONDON—Merton Civic Hall—Serge Fame, Paddington, confirmed a previous win by knocking out Lou Gent, 174½, in 2:50 of round two in a scheduled six. Gent went down from a right to the head, but seemed to misjudge the count, although apparently in full possession of his faculties. Larry O'Connell, referee.

Fame won their first meeting on an eye injury, and there was nothing between them on both occasions.

Tony Tricker, 214¾, Norbury, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Mike Fawcett, 208, Walthamstow, over eight twos,

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Champion
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10. Roy Smith (Great Britain)

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Champion
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1. Prince Mamah Mohammed (Ghana)
2. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
3. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
4. Gary Hubble (Australia)
5. Keith Bristol (Great Britain)
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8. Doug Sam (Australia)
9. Don LaLonde (Canada)
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Champion
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Champion
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3. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
4. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
5. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
6. John Munduga (Uganda)
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8. Gary Cooper (Great Britain)
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Champion
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Champion
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7. Billy Hardy (Great Britain)
8. Joe Orewa (Nigeria)
9. Chris Ash (Ghana)
10. Titus Samwenda (Zimbabwe)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
2. Steve Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
4. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
5. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
6. Junior Thompson (Australia)
7. Dave McAuley (Great Britain)
8. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)
9. Gabriel Kuphey (Ghana)
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referee O'Connell scoring it 79-78. Fawcett was marked by the left eye, and his nose bled. Tricker was twice warned for allegedly hitting low, also for ducking too low, and both men were censured for misuse of the head.

Debutant Andy Wright, 161, Tooting, stopped Seamus Casey, also 161, Alfreton, at 1:14 of round four in a scheduled eight twos. Casey had been down twice previously. Larry O'Connell, referee.

Nicky Harty, 148, Canvey Island, outpointed Chas Dackombe, 147, Streatham, referee Sower casting it a narrow 59½-59 after six twos.

Inactive for three years, Ricky Andrews, 132½, Crystal Palace, outpointed Joey Dee, 130, Alfreton, referee Sower calling it 60-58 after six twos, and indicating Andrews had not lost a round.
(03-20-86)

▶LONDON—Latchmere Leisure Centre—Steve Ellwood, 149, Camberwell, kept his unbeaten record by beating Phil Duckworth, also 149, Leeds, who signified he could not carry on after dropping to one knee and putting his glove up to his left eye. Time—2:55 of round four in a scheduled eight. He had been down briefly earlier in the round, and Ellwood looked in control. Roland Dakin, referee.

Another who retained his undefeated certificate was Chris Blake, who easily outpointed Tony Smith, Liverpool, referee Dakin casting it 79½-78 after eight.

John Ashton, 155½, Alfreton, outpointed Newton Barnett, 154, referee Jack Snipe's card showing 79-78 after eight twos.

Debutant Winstone Wilson, 160, stopped Floyd Davidson, 166, Derby, referee Snipe intervening at 0:29 of round three in a scheduled six twos with Davidson under pressure.

Ray Newby, 137, Nottingham, stopped Paul Dawson, 136¾, referee Dakin calling a halt at 1:40 of round three in a scheduled eight twos after Dawson had been down three times.

Courtney Phillips, Battersea, 149, beat Mark Simpson, also 149, Brighton, who was retired at the end of round two with a mouth injury, involving the breaking of a couple of teeth. Phillips looked in charge. Jack Snipe, referee.
(03-25-86)

▶TUNBRIDGE WELLS—Assembly Hall—Paul Huggins, 132, Hastings, stopped Chubby Martin, 133, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 1:03 of round seven in a scheduled eight twos with Martin under pressure.

Peter Ashcroft, 144, Liverpool, outpointed George Kerr, 145, Dundee, referee Reg Thompson casting it 79-78 after eight twos.

Serge Fame, 175, Paddington, gained his second victory in a week by outpointing Winston Burnett, 172, Cardiff, over eight twos, winning every round with referee Mike Jacobs scoring 80-76.

Graham Jenner, 164, gave weight and didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Furnaux, 172, Plymouth, referee Thompson scoring it 60-58 after six twos. Furnaux was down briefly in round six from a right hand.

J.J. Smith, 160, Tunbridge Wells, outpointed Tony Stevens, also 160, Hackney, referee Thompson casting it 59½-57½ after six twos.
(03-25-86)

▶SWANSEA—Leisure Centre—Steve Davies, 153½, Pembroke, won the vacant Welsh light middleweight title by stopping Frank McCord, 152, Swansea, referee Ivor Campbell intervening in round four of a scheduled 10 after McCord had been down twice.

Peter Harris, 126½, Swansea, stopped Steve Pollard, 129, Hull, referee Campbell calling a halt in round three when Pollard was cut by both eyes.

Young Pat Doherty kept his unbeaten record by stopping Johnny Daly, Northampton, referee Campbell intervening at 1:35 of round two after Daly had been down and was bleeding from the mouth.

Lightweight Keith Parry, Swansea, beat Denzil Goddard, Llanelli, who retired at the end of round three after he had been under pressure. Roddy Evans, referee.

Debutant Paul (brother of Keith) Parry didn't win a round against Nigel Haddock, Llanelli, referee Evans scoring it 60-57 for Haddock.
(03-26-86)

▶WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club—Al Malcolm, 212, kayoed fellow-Birmingham fighter Alfonso Forbes, 208, in round five of a scheduled eight twos with a right to the chin. John Coyle, referee.

Dean Murray, 142, left it late, knocking out Darren Bowen, Wednesbury, 148, at 1:17 of the sixth and final round with a right to the head. A good crowd pleaser.

Floored in the first minute of the fight, Paul Seddon, 139, came back to outpoint debutant Will Halliday, 142, Leicester, referee Frank Parkes scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Andrew Pybus, 131, Birmingham debutant, beat Paul Bowen, 130, Wednesbury, a cut by the left eye causing a stoppage at the end of round four in a scheduled six twos.

Mickey Lerwill, 142, Telford, outpointed Steve Tempro, 144, Leicester, referee Parkes scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(03-25-86)

▶MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club—Mohammad Lovelock, 136, drew with Sugar Gibiliru, 135¾, over eight. A crowd pleaser that brought nobbins from the fans.

Nigel Crook, 129½, stopped Brent Gargano, 131, Manchester, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 1:33 of round three with Gargano under pressure.

Des (brother of Nigel) Gargano, Manchester, outpointed Gerry McBride, 120½, Manchester, scoreline 59½-57½ after six.

Peter Brown, 163, Bradford, outpointed Doug Calderwood,

Sheffield, 162, over six by 59-58.
Referee Brian Hogg was in charge of all four bouts.
(04-07-86)

▶**NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club**—Chris Devine, 184, Chesterfield, outpointed Tony Tricker, 210, Norbury, referee Jim Pridding scoring it a narrow 79-78½ after eight. Tricker had a swelling by the right eye.

Ray Newby, 133½, Nottingham, stopped Ray Cooper, 138, Alfreton, the referee intervening at 0:25 of round two in a scheduled six after Cooper had been down four times.

Ray Golding, 140, Alfreton, outpointed Steve Tempro, 142, Leicester, scoreline 60-58 after six, indicating Golding hadn't lost a round.

Nigel Senior, 129, outpointed Billy Joe Dee, 128, 59½-58½ over six.
(04-07-86)

▶**LEEDS—Town Hall**—George Collins, 149¼, Camberley, made it 13 in a row by outpointing George Kerr, Scotland, 148, referee Ron Hackett scoring it 80-75 after eight, indicating that Collins had won every round. Sub Kerr was down twice in round two.

Former British light heavyweight champion Tom Collins, 177, Leeds, also won every round in outpointing Winston Burnett, 170, Cardiff, who came in as a sub, referee Hackett casting it 80-76 after eight twos.

Brian Schumacher, 176, kayoed Alan Price, 184, Fishguard, in 0:40 of round four in a scheduled six twos with a right to the body. Ron Hackett, referee.

Steve Harwood, 148, Batley, stopped Eddie King, also 148, Doncaster, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 0:25 of the opening round after King had been down.

Carl Cleasby, 126¼, Leeds, outpointed Des Gargano, 125, Manchester, referee Vann calling it 59½-58½ after six.

Keith Parry, 133½, Swansea, stopped Marvin P. Gray, 135, Stanley, referee Vann intervening in round four of a scheduled eight with Gray under pressure.
(04-03-86)

▶**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—Wayne Goult, 134, Norwich, drew with John Davie, 140, Chingford, over six. Roy Francis, referee.

Oliver Henry, 147, Norwich, kayoed Paul Allen, also 147, Hastings, in 1:30 of round three in a scheduled six twos. A left hook did the trick.

Graham Jenner, 163, Hastings, stopped Darrell Ritchie, 166, Rhyl, referee Reg Thompson calling a halt at 1:35 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Ritchie had been down.

Tony Richards, 131, Nottingham, outpointed Eamon Payne, 130, Norwich, not losing a round on referee Thompson's card of 60-58 after six twos.
(04-08-86)

▶**LEICESTER—DeMontfort Hall**—Mark Poultney, 140, Bedworth, outpointed Gerry Beard, 141½, referee Frank Parkes scoring it a narrow 78½-78 after eight. An excellent bout. Poultney bled from the nose, and Beard was cut by the left eye.

Mervyn Bennett, 131, Cardiff, kayoed Dave Pratt, 133, Leicester, in 1:06 of round six in a scheduled eight. Frank Parkes, referee.

Tony Heath, 120, Loughborough, won every round in outpointing Paddy Maguire, Birmingham, 118, referee Terry O'Connor scoring it 60-57 after six.

Sub Malcolm Melvin, Birmingham, 169, outpointed debutant Lincoln Pennant, 173, Loughborough, referee O'Connor casting it 59-58 after six.

Chris Harbourne, 196, Birmingham, kayoed Dave Shelton, 213, Leicester, in 1:44 of round one in a scheduled four with a right hand. Terry O'Connor, referee.

Mick Markie, 122, Kettering, outpointed Mitchell King, 126, Leicester, referee O'Connor scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Wil Haliday, 149, Leicester, outpointed Mark Brogan, also 149, Leicester, scoreline 39½-38 on referee O'Connor's card over four.
(04-10-86)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—T.P. Jenkins, 167, Brentford, outpointed Sean O'Phoenix, Manchester, 170, referee Roy Francis scoring it 79-78 after eight.

Midlands Area cruiserweight champion Roy Smith, 186½, Nottingham, outpointed Abner Blackstock, 188½, Cardiff, referee Francis casting it 79-77½ after eight twos.

Les Remekie, 137, Croydon, outpointed Ray Newby, 137, Nottingham, referee Paddy Sower calling it 59½-58 after six twos.

Peter Bell, 128½, Canning Town, didn't lose a round in outpointing Shane Porter, 126, Kettering, referee Sower scoring it 60-58 after six.
(04-04-86)

▶**DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN—Palace Lido**—Horace Notice, Birmingham, 206, won the British heavyweight title and also the vacant Commonwealth crown by stopping Hughroy Currie, 222½, Catford, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 1:50 of round six in a scheduled 12.

Early in the round, Notice went down, some say from a left hook, others from a slip. He took a count of nine, rose and waded into Currie, who took a count of seven. Notice piled on the pressure, and the stoppage came.

It was only Notice's 10th pro fight, which is a record for the heavyweight division.

Terry Marsh, 139½, retained his European light welterweight title with a comfortable points win over Italian Francesco Prezioso, 139½. Luxemburg judge Arsene Klopp scored 118-114, German judge Biblo 120-112 and Danish referee Knud Jensen 120-107—all in favor of Marsh, who injured his left hand. It is hoped that WBA champion Patrizio Oliva of Italy will defend his title against Terry in July, probably in Naples.

Debutant Danny Cooper, 137½, Southampton, outpointed Barry Bacon, 137½, Alfreton, referee Mickey Vann scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos. Cooper bled from the nose, and Bacon was cut by the left eye.

Ned Rawlings, 208½, outpointed Al Malcolm, 217, Birmingham, referee Vann casting it 59-58½ after six twos.

Denys Cronin, 162, Caerphilly, stopped John Ashton, 161½, Alfreton, referee Vann intervening at 2:10 of round five when Ashton was cut by the right eye.
(04-12-86)

▶**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Robert Dickie, Swansea, won the vacant British featherweight title by outpointing John Feeney, Hartlepool, 125, over 12, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 117½-117. There was nothing between these two, and a pity there had to be a loser. It was such a good fight that a return would be popular.

Rudi Pika, 213½, Cardiff, outpointed Glenn McCrory, 215½, Anfield Plain, referee Mickey Vann casting it 79-77½ after eight. Pika is unbeaten in 13 fights, but it has taken him six years to accomplish this. He is still only 24 years old.

Gary Stretch, 156, St. Helens, outpointed Graeme Ahmed, 155½, South Shields, referee Tony Walker casting it 79½-77½ after eight. Ahmed was down twice, and was cut by the left eye. Stretch was nicked by the right eye.

Gary Mason, 233, Wandsworth, made it nine in succession, all by the quick route, in stopping Louis Pergaud, Cameroons, 200, who was retired by his corner at the end of round four in a scheduled eight with an eye injury. Mason was well on top, but Pergaud fought pluckily.

John Moody, 174, Rayleigh, outpointed Winston Burnett, 166, Cardiff, referee Larry O'Connell casting it 79½-77½ after eight.

Errol McDonald, 143¾, outpointed Lennie Gloster, Peterborough, 146½, referee Tony Walker calling it 60-57½ over six. This indicated that McDonald had not lost a round. He also floored his man for a short count in round three with a right to the head.

Mickey Durvan, 137¼, beat Peter Eubanks, 142½, Brighton, whose retirement was accepted by referee Mickey Vann at 2:55 in a scheduled eight when he was cut by the left eye. He had been down for a short count from a right hand.
(04-09-86)

▶**WESTON SUPER MARE—Winter Gardens**—Frankie Lake, 139½, won the vacant Western Area light-welterweight title by knocking out Nicky Day, 136¾, Southampton, in round seven of a scheduled 10, referee Denzil Lewis counting out Day after the latter had taken a right to the jaw.

Stuart Fisher, 121, Luton, drew with Billy Barton, 121½, Pontypridd, over six twos. Winford Jones, referee.

Nicky Meloscia, 142½, Gloucester, outpointed Adrian Staples, 127, Pontypridd.

Debutant Nicky Lucas, 145½, Swindon, kayoed Paul Wetter, 144, Newport, in round four with a right hand.

Peter Bunting, 175, Southampton, stopped Dave Furneaux, 176, Plymouth, the intervention coming at the end of round two when Furneaux sustained an eye injury.
(04-10-86)

▶**GLASGOW—Plaza Ballroom**—Dave Savage, 129¼, Glasgow, won the vacant Scottish junior lightweight title by outpointing Paul Downie, 129½, referee Len Mullen scoring it 98½-97½ over 10.

Joe McNamee, 148, Dundee, beat Tommy Cook, 144, Larkhall, who was disqualified at 1:16 of round three for persistent holding, after two warnings.

Robert Harkin, 140, Renton, kayoed Steve Kiernan, 145½, Manchester, in 0:18 of round three in a scheduled eight twos with a left-right to the jaw.

Gary Jacobs, 145, Glasgow, won his eliminator for the Scottish welter title by outpointing Billy Cairns, 145½, Glasgow, over eight by 79½-78. Cairns was down twice.

Craig Windsor, 128, Blantyre, outpointed Young Garskey, 121, Glasgow, over six by 59½-58½. Danny McCafferty, referee.
(04-14-86)

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JAPAN

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Two Japanese title bouts were the attractions.

Mitsuru Sugiya, 126¼, won the Nipponese featherweight crown by stopping Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, also 126¼, at

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1:43 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

It was a onesided affair. Sugiya floored the defending champ (a Mexican who lives in Japan) with a left hook in the fourth and disposed of him with a flurry of punches in the fatal canto. Sugiya, 21, is now 18-1 with 12 knockouts. Arredondo, 27, suffered his fourth loss against seven wins (six kayoes) in his campaigns here.

Kenyu (Toshiyuki) Tanaka, a late substitute at 130, earned the vacant Japanese junior lightweight title by taking a unanimous decision (98-95, 99-96 and 99-95) over Shokichi Fujimoto, a tough lefty previously fighting as Gen Tosa, also 130, 10.

Tanaka, 26, is now 17-3-2 with five knockouts. Fujimoto, 33, fell to 17-10-1 with six kayoes and announced his retirement from the ring.

Hiroaki Motohashi, 137¼, unanimously decisioned Takayoshi Chino, 138, eight. The winner is now 9-1 with five kayoes.

Tomoaki Kobayashi, 118, finished Shigemitsu Koike, 116¼, at 0:55 of the opening session in a scheduled six.

Attendance—2,780 (estimated).

Shin-Nippon Kimura and Sendai Promotions. TV Asahi.

(02-25-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Cheyenne Yamamoto, Japanese lightweight champ at 135, started cautiously and then swarmed over Young Hideo, the top contender at 133½, scoring a TKO at 1:55 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

It was Cheyenne's third defense.

Lefty Leopard Tamakuma, 112, gave a lesson to awkward and slow Kazuyoshi Funaki, also 112, and took a onesided decision, 10.

Tamakuma, a lanky boxer, is now 12-4 with three kayoes.

Attendance—2,860 (estimated).

Kokusai Promotions. Fuji TV.

(02-27-86)

▶**OSAKA—Nishinari Ward Center**—The 32nd All-Japan *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney came to an end with 11 winners.

Junior Flyweight: Katsumi Komiyama, a short puncher at 107¼, outscored Takeo Onishi, 106½, six. Komiyama is now 6-0-2 with one kayo.

Flyweight: Yasuichi Ishigaya was named the winner of the class due to Manabu Saijo's withdrawal from the competition. Saijo, 4-0 with four knockouts, was a heavy favorite, but reportedly could not make the 112-pound class limit.

Junior Bantamweight: Unbeaten Seiji Hatanaka, 114, ran his unbeaten log to 8-0 with six kayoes by polishing off Hiromitsu Tatsuki, 114¼, at 1:37 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Bantamweight: Naoto Takahashi, 116¾, displayed beautiful counterpunches in flattening Seiichi Katayama, 117¾, at 0:54 of the second round in a scheduled six. Takahashi, a high school student, is now 7-0 with five kayoes. He was unanimously named Best *Shinjin-o* of the Year.

Junior Featherweight: Shinji Ogawa, 122, became the winner in an additional seventh round with shorter Takayuki Taira, 121, after they drew, six. (The JBC's official record still a six-round draw. Ogawa is now 6-2-3 with one kayo.

Featherweight: Yoshiteru Uegaki, 124½, amazed the crowd with an unexpected kayo over favored Hiroshi Yamauchi, previously 6-0-1 with four kayoes, 125¾, with a fine opening attack in 2:37 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Junior Lightweight: Yoshitatsu Nakasato, 129¾, won a hairline unanimoous decision (double 60-57 and 59-58) over Mutsumi Suzuki, 129, six. Nakasato is now 10-1-1 with two kayoes.

Lightweight: Iwao Otomo, 135, TKO'd Yosuke Kubota, 133¼, at 0:19 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Otomo, a rough puncher, is now 8-1 with eight kayoes.

Junior Welterweight: Hironobu Ogiso, 139, was befuddled by the aggressiveness of six-footer Naoki Ito, 139¼, but landed a fine left hook to sink him in 1:57 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Ogiso, a sharp punching prospect, is now 5-0 with three kayoes.

Welterweight: Hideki Kanashiro, 146½, won a close decision over Masatoshi Takaeshi, 145½, six.

Middleweight: Toshinori Matsuyanagi, 159, put on a brutal brawl with fellow rough-and-tumbler Masao Kuroda, 158, knocking out the latter in 2:31 of the first round in a scheduled six.

The All-Japan tournament final is an annual competition between the winners of the East and West Japan Zones. This year's result was 8-3 in favor of the West Japan team. The total record, however, is 27-2-3 in favor of the East Japan team.

Mainichi Broadcasting TV.

(03-04-86)

▶**OSAKA—Nishinari Ward Center**—Unbeaten local Hideaki Kamishiro, 118¾, utilized his puzzling lefty style and won a onesided unanimous decision (99-92, 99-93, 100-93) over Masakatsu Sakuma, 118½, 10.

Kamishiro, formerly an amateur star, is now 4-0 with three kayoes.

Gold Jo, 132, eked out a split duke over Genzo Kawano, 132¾, eight. Joe is now 10-6-1 with three kayoes.

Attendance—700.

Asahi TV.

(03-05-86)

▶**OSAKA—Nishinari Ward Center**—Katsumi Nonoguchi, 133, outscored Takeshi Ogawa, 133¾, eight.

Teruaki Miyasato, 115, TKO'd Masatoshi Higashi, 112½, at 0:21 of the third round in a scheduled six.

(03-06-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Fast rising junior flyweight Seiji Tomari, 110¼, scored his sixth straight win by knocking out Kinya Nakamura, also 110¼, with good body shots in 0:52 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Tomari, now 11-2 with six kayoes, will take on world-rated Mexican Efren Pinto in May.

Hiroaki Kanaya, 117, won a unanimous decision over taller Tatsuya Uesugi, 117, six.

Toshimitsu Ano, 126, drew with Yasuo Jinde, also 126, six.

Attendance—1,200.

King Promotions.

(03-12-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hideyuki Ohashi, 108, an unbeaten junior flyweight sensation ranked 17th by the WBC, lost a unanimous decision to Korean Bong-Jun Kim, also 108, 10. Ohashi was surprisingly slow and sluggish from the third round on, losing by scores of 98-96, 98-95, and 97-95.

Kim, a very tough fighting machine, is now 9-3-2 with five kayoes. Ohashi fell to 4-1 with three knockouts.

Attendance—2,180 (estimated).

Yoneakura Promotions. No telecast.

(03-20-86)

▶**NAKAMA, FUKUOKA PREF.—City Athletic Culture Center**—Kazuto Kurahachi, the JBC's sixth ranked bantam at 118, kayoed Hiroaki Kato, 117¾, in 2:15 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Shinji Kobayashi, 131, stopped Joe Yamaguchi, 126¼, at 1:58 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

(03-22-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese junior middleweight champ Carlos Elliott, 152¼, showered Mitsuo Hatano, 153¾, with a rain of blows, opened a cut on the forehead of the latter and was awarded a TKO win at the end of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

It was the third defense for Elliott, the OPBF's top contender. Carlos, however, wants to move down to the welterweight class. Hatano fell to 5-2 with five kayoes. Carlos is 12-1 with 12 knockouts.

Masaharu Owada, a glass-jawed hard puncher, 161, scored a surprising upset, as he knocked out Japanese middleweight kingpin Mugen Kawasaka, 161, in 3:10 of the fourth round in a non-title 10.

Yoshiyuki Uchida, 114¾, halted Joe Shiranui, 116¾, at 1:30 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10.

Hiroshi Yamamoto, a brutal infighter at 118, stopped the five-bout winning streak of Yukihiro Kimura, also 118, with a split decision in the first 10.

Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,480 (estimated).

Rubic Hachinohe Promotions.

(03-24-86)

▶**HIMEJI—Welfare Arena**—Fast moving Kenzo Matsumura, 110½, came off the canvas in the first round, made the best use of his footwork, and scored a TKO over Masaru Yoshimoto, 111, at 2:20 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Matsumura, an ex-amateur star and former high school teacher, is now 3-1 with two kayoes. Yoshimoto is 10-3-3 with two knockouts.

Minoru Kujo, 139½, a southpaw, TKO'd Kazuo Tahara, 139¼, at 0:20 of the eighth and final round.

Shigenobu Nakamasa, 117, dropped Hideki Kanai, the JBC's seventh ranked bantam at 117½, in the first round and overwhelmed him all the way, winning a onesided decision, eight.

Attendance—1,500.

Kakogawa Kobe Club. No telecast.

(03-22-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Ex-Japanese lightweight champ Hikaru Tomonari, 140, moved up to the junior welterweight class, and took on top contender Eiji Kikusaki, also 140, 10. Tomonari hit the deck from a straight right in ruond two, fought back hard, and downed the youngster on the ropes in the seventh. Tomonari, however, suffered a big gash on the forehead, bleeding too profusely to continue. His cornerman, Kimura, wisely made him retire after the round. The official scores were 69-64, 69-65, and 69-66—all for the unlucky loser.

Kikusaki is now 12-0-1 with 10 kayoes. Tomonari is 26-9-1 with 14 kayoes.

Masayuki Takahashi, a soft punching hope at 112, ran his unbeaten log to 11-0 with four kayoes with a unanimous decision over Kenji Yokosawa, 111½, eight.

Attendance—2,620 (estimated).

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions. Fuji TV.

(03-27-86)

▶**ITAMI—Sports Center**—Mexican Gilberto Roman, 115, dethroned WBC super flyweight champ Jiro Watanabe, also 115, via a close but unanimous decision, 12.

Japanese junior featherweight champ Takuya Muguruma, 121½, easily finished Korean San-Yong Kim, 120¼, at 1:32 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Ex-Japanese bantamweight champ Koichi Sugimoto, 121¾, was outboxed and outsped by Yoshiaki Nomaguchi, 121¼, but an eighth round knockdown carried him to a hairline unanimous decision (double 97-96 and 97-95), 10. Sugimoto is now 10-4-1 with two kayoes. Nomaguchi fell to 12-2 with nine knockouts.

Osaka Teiken Promotions. Kansai TV.

(03-30-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Previously unbeaten Mark (Brooks) Horikoshi, a U.S. military worker living in Japan, 125, was halted by non-stop southpaw Kenji Iizumi, 124, at 1:52 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Ken Morita, referee.

Iizumi, the JBC's sixth ranked featherweight, is now 9-1 with eight kayoes. Horikoshi fell to 7-1 with five knockouts.

In the semi-final 10, Masahiro Takagi, 126, TKO'd Takashi Komori, 125¼, at 0:45 of the fifth round. Takagi is now 18-6-3 with nine kayoes.

Kaneko Promotions. Nippon TV.

(04-03-86)

▶**NIRASAKI—City Gymnasium**—Hilario Zapata, 112, retained his WBA flyweight crown with a unanimous decision over Shuichi Hozumi, 111¾, 15.

In the semi-final eight, lefty Minoru Kujo, 140¼, stopped Toshiro Ueki, a 32-year-old victim at 136½, at 2:24 of the fifth round to bring his log to 10-7 with five knockouts.

Attendance—5,000 (estimated).

Teiken Promotions. TV Tokyo.

(04-07-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese junior lightweight champ Kenyu Tanaka, 134½, proved too ringwise for less experienced Hiroaki Motohashi, the JBC's third ranked lightweight at 134¾, copping a unanimous decision (98-96, 99-96, and 98-97), 10. *The Ring* scored it 99-93, Tanaka.

Kenyu thus bettered his log to 18-3-2 with five kayoes. Motohashi, seven years his junior at 19, is 9-2 with five knockouts.

Makoto Ito, 140, was awarded a technical decision over southpaw Yoichi Isome, also 140, at 2:50 of the seventh round in a

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Champion
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3. Everett Martin (U.S.)
4. Don LaLonde (Canada)
5. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
6. Marvin Mack (U.S.)
7. Vinnie Curto (U.S.)
8. Poncho Carter (U.S.)
9. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
10. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
11. Keitoku Senrima (Japan)
12. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. Thomas Hearns (U.S.)
2. James Kinchen (U.S.)
3. John Mugabi (Uganda)
4. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
5. Robbie Sims (U.S.)
6. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
7. Michael Olajide (Canada)
8. Don Lee (U.S.)
9. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
10. Michael Nunn (U.S.)
11. Sambu Kalambay (Italy)
12. Doug DeWitt (U.S.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Davey Moore (U.S.)
2. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
3. Carlos Santos (U.S.)
4. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
5. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
6. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
7. David Braxton (U.S.)
8. Milton McCrory (U.S.)
9. Mark Medal (U.S.)
10. Tony Ojo (U.S.)
11. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
12. Darnell Knox (U.S.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Donald Curry (U.S.)
1. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
2. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
3. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
4. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
5. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
6. David Hilton (Canada)
7. Simon Brown (U.S.)
8. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
9. Manning Galloway (U.S.)
10. Mark Breland (U.S.)
11. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)
12. Tyrone Trice (U.S.)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Hinton (U.S.)
1. Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
2. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
3. Frankie Warren (U.S.)
4. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)
5. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
6. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
7. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
8. Lonnie Smith (U.S.)
9. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
10. Akio Kameda (Japan)
11. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
12. Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jimmy Paul (U.S.)
1. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
2. Heung-Suk Yuh (Korea)
3. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
4. Terrence Alli (U.S.)
5. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U.S.)
6. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
7. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)
8. Meldrick Taylor (U.S.)
9. Cubanito Perez (U.S.)
10. Jong Jong Pacquing (Philippines)
11. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
12. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
2. Jin-Sik Choi (Korea)
3. Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
4. Mark Fernandez (Colombia)
5. Johnny de la Rosa (U.S.)
6. Yoshimitsu Azato (Japan)
7. Tomas Da Cruz (Brazil)
8. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
9. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
10. Manuel Batista (Dominican Rep.)
11. John Sichula (Zambia)
12. Lester Ellis (Australia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)
1. Richard Savage (U.S.)
2. Kwon Churl (Korea)
3. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
4. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
5. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
6. Billy White (U.S.)
7. Steve Cruz (U.S.)
8. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
9. Juan LaPorte (U.S.)
10. Antonio Esparragoza (Vez.)
11. Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
12. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)

JUNIOR FEATHEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ji-Won Kim (Korea)
1. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
2. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
3. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
4. Loris Stecca (Italy)
5. Rudy Casicas (Philippines)
6. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
7. Valerio Nati (Italy)
8. Juan (Kid) Meza (U.S.)
9. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
10. George Garcia (U.S.)
11. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
12. Jesse Benavides (U.S.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Fenech (Australia)
1. Chan-Yung Park (Korea)
2. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
3. Ki-Yul Kang (Korea)
4. Antoine Montero (France)
5. Enrique Sanchez (Dom. Rep.)
6. Sam David (U.S.)
7. Jesus Salud (U.S.)
8. Frankie Duarte (U.S.)
9. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
10. Yoshiyuki Nakagima (Japan)
11. Steve McCrory (U.S.)
12. Azael Moran (Panama)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Cesar Polanco (Dominican Rep.)
1. Elly Pical (Indonesia)
2. Joo-Do Chun (Korea)
3. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
4. Ruben de la Cruz (Philippines)
5. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
6. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
7. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
8. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
9. Wong Soo Indrajit (Indonesia)
10. Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)
11. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
12. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Bi-Won Chung (Korea)
1. Soon-Chung Kwon (Korea)
2. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
3. Jae-Hong Kim (Korea)
4. Jung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
5. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
6. Henry Brent (U.S.)
7. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
8. Allan Makitoki (Phillipines)
9. Yany Dokolamo (Indonesia)
10. Mauro Diaz (Mexico)
11. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
12. Edel Geronimo (Philippines)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
1. Jun-Hwan Choi (Korea)
2. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
3. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
4. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
5. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
6. Azadin Anhar (Indonesia)
7. Steve Bell (Australia)
8. Joey Olivo (U.S.)
9. Kenbun Taiho (Japan)
10. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
11. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
12. Dadoy Andujar (Philippines)

scheduled eight.

This card was dedicated to the recent retirement of former WBC flyweight champion Koji Kobayashi. His overall record was 24-4-3 with 15 kayoes. Koji will now work as an athletic instructor.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asashi.

(04-15-86)

▶**SHIMIZU—Suzuyo Gymnasium**—Shark Ishihara, 136¾, the JBC's fifth ranked lightweight, halted Tatsuzo Niiyama, 136¼, at 1:58 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Ishihara, an ex-Novice King tourney winner, is now 8-0 with four kayoes. Niiyama is 9-6-1 with seven knockouts.

Heiki Godai, 133, drew with Koji Kitamura, 134¼, six.

Attendance—1,800. No telecast.

Mitsuyama Promotions.

(04-19-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The Japanese Managers' Union started a tourney among rated Japanese fighters called the "Prize Money Tournament," the winner in each class to receive aobut $3,000 as a bonus.

This was the first day of the tourney. The quarter-finals and semi-finals are six rounds, the finals eight.

Ex-Japanese junior flyweight champ Kentoku Nakama, 112, won a majority decision over Masato Tanaka, 111¾, six.

Yoshiyuki Mizoguchi, 146½, TKO'd Takayoshi Chino, 145½, at 0:43 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Tiger Michigami, 134¾, finished Masahiro Tsuda, 135, at 1:42 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Wolf Sato, 129¼, stopped Naoyuki Iramina, 130, at 0:47 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Toshio Tanigami, 134¼, outscored Katsumi Nonoguchi, 134½, eight.

Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. Fuji TV.

(04-24-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Thailand's Samuth Sithnaruepol, 105, became the first OPBF mini-flyweight champion with a unanimous decision over shorter Kenji Ono, also 105, Japan, 12. The scores were 119-115, 118-115, and 120-113.

It was a dull fight, lacking speed and thrills.

Kazuo Katsuma, 115, came off the canvas in round two to win the Japanese junior bantamweight title via a fourth round kayo at 2:38 over Tadashi Maruo, also 115, in a scheduled 10. Maruo had beaten Katsuma last February.

Katsuma, who was stopped by Jiro Watanabe last year, is now 18-10-1 with 14 kayoes. Maruo fell to 12-5 with 10 kayoes.

Hard punching Kazuhiro Ikeda, 113¾, returned to the ring, but was stopped by Akio Kawamata, 112¾, at 2:55 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Ikeda was down thrice.

Attendance—2,500 (estimated).

Shinto Promotions. TBS TV.

(04-28-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Akinobu Hiranaka, Japanese junior welterweight champ at 140, demolished ex-titlist Masahiro Tanabu, also 140, in 0:30 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Tanabu was decked badly in the first and fatal rounds.

Hiranaka is now 6-0 with six knockouts. Tanabe fell to 9-3 with four kayoes.

Koheita Tanaka, 115, was floored time and again en route to a stoppage at the hands of Makoto Sawamura, also 115, in 3:08 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Teiken Promotions. Attendance—2,230.

Nippon TV.

(05-01-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Unbeaten Eiji Kimura, the JBC's top welterweight contender at 146, had a tough time outslugging very durable Korean Rang-Koo Park, 147, for a majority decision, 10.

Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-95; judge Takeaki Kanaya, 100-95; judge Takeo Ugo, 97-97.

Kimura, now 14-0-1 with 11 kayoes, should improve his defense. Park, Korea's third ranked junior welterweight, is now 8-5-2 with one kayo.

Lefty Takahiro Oda, 122, and Rambo Taira, 121½, fought to a technical draw in 0:50 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Toshimitsu Ano, 126, stopped Iwao Takanami, also 126, at 0:34 of the seventh round in their scheduled eight.

Attendance—1,800.

Hirakai Promotions. No telecast.

(05-08-86)

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▶**UEJOUNGBU CITY—Uejoungbu Gymnasium**—Slick punching Sang-Ho Lee, 141½, the WBA's eighth ranked junior welterweight, demolished ex-Japanese titlist Katsunori Hokama, 140¾, in 3:03 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Lee, a hit-and-run tactician, was aggressive from the start, as he dropped the less experienced Hokama once in the first and twice more in the next canto. Lee bettered his fine log to 40-1 with 33 knockouts. Lee is rated 25th by the WBC; he could be rated higher. Hokama fell to 7-3 with four kayoes.

Bong-Chun Park, the Korean Commission's top lightweight contender at 137, suffered an upset kayo at the hands of Wan-Taek Choi, 135½, in 0:51 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Choi is now 14-6-2 with seven kayoes.

Wonjin Promotions.

(02-01-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chan-Young Park, the WBA's second ranked bantamweight at 119½, scored a one-punch kayo over Norio Hasegawa, 120¼ Japan, in 1:18 of the second session in a scheduled 10. Park's left hook was the haymaker.

Park is now 23-3-2 with eight kayoes. Hasegawa is 10-5-4 with one knockout.

Jae-Suk Park, 112, outscored Sung-Hyun Kwak, 112¼, 10.

Dong-A Promotions.
(02-02-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—The night card gathered a good crowd.

Chung-Won Chung, the WBC's eighth ranked super featherweight at 131¾, was TKO'd by Korean titlist Sung-Yun Kim, 129½, at 1:14 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Chung hit the deck in the first and sixth rounds. The other sessions were a brawl. The seventh round saw Chung's right eye so badly closed that his cornerman tossed in the towel. It was total war, worth being called "Fight of the Month" in Korea.

Kim is now 21-4 with 13 knockouts. Chung suffered his first setback and fell to 19-1 with 11 kayoes.

Jae-Moon Yuh, 127¼, stopped Ji-Hong Kim, 125¼, at 3:00, of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Suk-Bong Kim, 114¼, outscored Kum-Suk Han, 113¾, eight.

Hyungdae Promotions.
(02-02-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Seung-Soon Lee, the WBC's 10 ranked welterweight at 148¾, mounted a strong body attack against Petchsayarm Petcharern, the Thai top contender, 148¼, and flattened him at 0:52 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Lee is now 28-1 with 21 knockouts. The cousin of ex-world champ Saensak Muangsurin fell to 19-7-2 with 12 kayoes.

Chong-Soo Choi, 109¾, drew with Nam-Suk Yun, 109½, eight.

Soukang Promotions
(02-14-86)

▶**ULSAN—General Gymnasium**—IBF featherweight champion Ki-Young Chung, 125¾, successfully kept his world crown as he pummeled Tyrone Jackson, 126, into submission at the end of the sixth round in a scheduled 15.

They boxed cautiously throughout the first five sessions, but the sixth and fatal round was thrilling. Tyrone almost toppled the defending champ with a solid left hook, but Chung fought back and landed a smashing one-two that sent the U.S. challenger crashing to the canvas. Jackson beat the count, but failed to answer the bell for the next canto.

Scoring after six: Joe Garcia (U.S.) 60-56; Leon Johannes (Indonesia), 60-55; Jin-Woon Chung, 60-54—all for the Korean. The IBF witness was Bill Brenan, and the non-scoring referee was Bruce Tanesh.

Korean welterweight kingpin Young-Kil Chung, 146½, kept his title by stopping Kyung-Shik Park, also 146½, at 2:30 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Chung is now 16-3-2 with nine knockouts.

World Promotions.
(02-16-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Kazuhiko Akira, 115½, Japan, was knocked out by Dong-Chun Lee, 116¼, the WBC's sixth ranked super flyweight, in 0:42 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Lee's wicked right, following some solid body shots, produced the knockout.

Lee is now 24-6-1 with 11 kayoes. Akira fell to 11-2 with six knockouts.

Kang Choi, 136¾, outscored Kil-Suk Chun, 137, eight.

Waryong Promotions.
(02-22-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Unbeaten Chul Kwon, the IBF's second ranked featherweight at 127½, failed to finish Soo-Byung Park, 127, but was awarded a unanimous decision, 10.

Kwon, a short but muscular infighter, is now 23-0-1 with 16 kayoes. Park is 10-4 with two knockouts.

Jum-Hwan Choi, the IBF's top ranked junior flyweight at 110¼, won a decision over Yung-Il Choi, 112¼, 10. Choi is now 14-1 with five kayoes.

Saeki Promotions
(02-23-86)

▶**TAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Kyu-Woon Choi, 134¾, kept his national lightweight crown by outscoring Tae-Yong Koh, 135, 10. Choi is now 25-4 with 13 kayoes.

Korean bantam titlist Kap-Sub Song, 117½, retained his throne with a decision over Hong-Kyu Yang, also 117½, 10.

World Promotions.
(02-22-86)

▶**MOPPO—University Gymnasium**—Korean junior middleweight champ Sang-Do Chung, 154, kept his throne by outpointing Dae-Kyum Kim, 153½, 10. Chung is now 10-1-2 with three kayoes.

Palpal Promotions.
(03-01-86)

▶**SUWON—Suwon Indoor Gymnasium**—Myung-Woo Yuh, 107½, retained his WBA junior flyweight crown with a unanimous decision over Jose DeJesus, Puerto Rico, 105¼, 15.

Yuh is now 20-0 with four kayoes. DeJesus is 18-1-1 with 15 knockouts.

Jin-Hong Kim, 122, won the vacant Korean junior featherweight title by demolishing Joung-Ho Lee, 121¾, in 1:10 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Sang-Shik Kim, 142, outscored Dong-Gu Woo, 141½, ex-Korean champ, 10.

Dong-A Promotions.
(03-09-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Rae-Ki Ahn, 114, the WBC's seventh ranked flyweight, proved a bit too aggressive and tough for Japanese puncher Shunichi Nakajima, 114¾, winning a unanimous decision, 10.

Ahn is now 19-2-3 with nine knockouts. Nakajima is 7-2 with five kayoes.

Korean featherweight boss Byung-Soo Park, 126, kept his crown by decisioning Jae-Moon Yuh, 125¾, 10. Park is now 18-1-1 with 10 kayoes.

Waryong Promotions.
(03-15-86)

▶**KANGKNONG—High School Gymnasium**—OPBF junior middleweight champ In-Chul Baek, the WBC's fifth ranked contender at 154, had a very tough time against Australian titlist Troy Waters, 153¼, but a final spurt saved his crown in 12 heats via a split decision.

Waters had Baek at bay in the ninth round, but In-Chul came back strongly in the last three frames. Waters, 20, fared much better than expected. He is now 10-1.

This was Baek's first win on points in 36 victories (35 knockouts) against one loss (to Sean Mannion). Waters deserves a rematch.

In a companion 12, OPBF flyweight kingpin Hi-Sup Shin, 111¾, kept his throne by stopping Filipino boss Titing Dignos, 114¼, at 2:50 of the fourth session. Shin, who started bleeding due to an accidental butt in the fourth session, turned loose and dropped Dignos twice before the KBC ref declared a halt.

Shin, a lefty, is now 35-2-1 with 19 knockouts. Titing fell to 15-3-1 with four kayoes.

World Promotions.
(03-15-86)

▶**INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium**—Oh-Kong Son, 112¾, halted Thailand's top contender, Kairung Sithpayak, 112½, at 2:48 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Son is now 20-3 with 10 kayoes. Kairung is 14-8 with 12 knockouts.

Won-Kyung Kim, 131½, decisioned Sung-Tae Lee, 131¼, 10.

Wonjin Promotions.
(03-22-86)

▶**INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium**—Jae Hyung Yuh, ex-Korean junior middleweight champ at 161, easily disposed of Japanese old-timer Hiroshi Izumiya, 161¼, at 2:05 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Yuh's right hook, following some solid combinations, sank the victim for the count. Jae-Hyung is now 26-4 with 23 kayoes. Izumiya is 8-12-1 with five knockouts. It looked like a mismatch.

Saeki Promotions.
(03-23-86)

▶**SANGJU—Junior High School Gymnasium**—OPBF junior featherweight ruler Youn-Kap Choi, the WBC's number eight contender at 122, retained his crown by outscoring Hyun-Jae Hwang, also 122, 12. Choi is now 19-3 with three knockouts. Hwang is 10-2-1 with two kayoes.

Korean junior welterweight kingpin Chong-Hak Lee, 139½, barely kept his crown, as he was held to a draw by Woo Hwang, 140, 10. Lee is now 15-5-4 with three kayoes. Hwang is 17-3-5 with eight kayoes.

Ilhwa Promotions.
(03-23-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Jun-Sok Hwang, 149, the OPBF welterweight leader, was befuddled by the aggressiveness of Ryo Asuka, a hard punching Japanese at 148¾, but landed a very solid left hook to the button to flatten him in 1:32 of the third round in a scheduled non-title 10.

Hwang, who had beaten Pipino Cuevas, is now 33-2 with 22 kayoes. Asuka is 8-9-1 with five stoppages.

Dong-A Promotions.
(03-30-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Sung-Yun Kim, 132, the WBC's sixth ranker super featherweight, overwhelmed Pastor Arcaya, the Filipino number two contender also 132, with incessant punches and dropped him twice en route to a kayo at 1:22 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Sung-Yun is now 22-4-1 with 12 kayoes. Pastor fell to 10-2-1 with three kayoes.

Hang Park, 129¼, became the Korean junior lightweight champ by outscoring Byung-Youn Kim, 129½, 10. Park is now 18-4 with six kayoes.

Hyundae Promotions.
(04-05-86)

▶**MASAN—Masan Indoor Gymnasium**—Ki-Youl Kang, the OPBF bantamweight champ at 117½, kept his crown with a decision over Filipino Ernie Cataluna, 117¼, 12.

Kang, the WBC's number seven contender, is now 15-2-1 with 11 kayoes. Cataluna fell to 22-3-6 with seven knockouts.

OPBF junior welterweight champion Kyung-Duk Ahn, 143¾, outscored Filipino Allan Allegaria, 143½, 10.

Ahn, the WBC's fifth ranked 140-pounder, is now 21-0 with 10 knockouts. Allegaria fell to 19-3-1 with 15 kayoes.

World Promotions.
(04-05-86)

▶**YOUNGCHON—Youngchon Central School Gymnasium**—Korean Cho-Woon Park, 108, won the vacant OPBF junior flyweight title by outpointing Filipino Little Baguio, 107½, 12. Park, the WBC's 10th ranked contender, is now 15-1-1- with three kayoes.

Won-Ke Shim, 114¾, won the vacant Korean junior bantamweight crown with a decision over Chang-Woo Lee, 114½, 10. Shim is now 11-1 with one kayo.

Palpal Promotions.
(04-12-86)

▶**KANGJU—Kangju Indoor Gymnasium**—Jung-Koo Chang, 107½, outscored German Torres, 107, to retain his WBC light flyweight crown, 12.

Chang is now 30-1 with 12 kayoes. Torres fell to 50-9-1 with 42 kayoes.

Min-Keun Oh, former IBF world featherweight champ at 127, pvoved too strong and sharp for Chan-Jung Chun, 126¼, stopping him at 2:43 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

World Promotions.
(04-13-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Tae-Yong Koh, 136¾, the Korean number three lightweight, landed a beautiful left hook and stretched Filipino Elmer Leonard, 135½, unconscious at 2:56 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Tae-Yong, a former Korean Novice King tourney winner, is now 9-2-3 with four kayoes. The loser is 23-12-2 with eight knockouts.

Hun-Kuk Chai, Korean flyweight boss at 112, kept his national title with a unanimous decision over Jae-Youn Park, 111¾, 10. Chai remains unbeaten with a record of 12-0-2 with three kayoes. Park is 13-5-1 with four kayoes.

Dong-Il Promotions.
(04-26-86)

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▶**PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—Bi-Won Chung, 112, became the new IBF world flyweight champion with a majority decision over Chung-Kwan Chung, the defending titlist, also 112, 15.

Chung-Kwan had dethroned Soon-Chun Kwon, a hard punching lefty, via a fourth round stoppage last December. This was his first defense.

Scoring: Jin-Kuk Kim, 145-145; Chong-Woon Chong, 144-142; Chae-Son Lee, 145-143.

Bi-Won, 26, is now 19-4-2 with five kayoes. Chung-Kwan, 24, is 13-9-4 with four knockouts. The champ received an estimated $24,000 to only $9,000 for the challenger.

Korean welterweight champ Young-Kil Chung, 146½, retained his title by stopping Kang-Chul Choi, 146¾, at 2:45 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Chung is now 17-3-2 with nine kayoes.

World Promotions.

(04-27-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF featherweight kingpin Jae-Yong Hwang, 125¼, was annoyed by the repeated clinches of former Japanese champion Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 126, but overpowered the lanky Mexican to win a unanimous decision (119-115, 119-116 and 118-113), 12.

(05-03-86)

JOE KOIZUMI AND YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▶**NATUBLING, BENGUET**—Rico Sacragon, 129, unanimously decisioned Perry Tuazon, 130, 10. A Guanso refereed.

Promoter—Raffy Panagan.

(12-01-85)

▶**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Tacy Macalos, 109½, defeated Ariel Samson, 107¾, by a unanimous decision, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Richard Agbay, 125, TKO'd Anthony Paloso, 124, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Tomasa Pamilosa.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Dizon.

(12-02-85)

▶**MUNTINLUPA, METRO MANILA**—Robert Palerit, 110, was awarded a technical decision over Ed Hemo, 111, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez refereed.

Promoter—Antero Valandria, Jr.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Carlos Roman.

(12-04-85)

▶**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Former Filipino champ Jun Remsa, 117, copped a split duke over Louie Espinosa, 116¾, in 10. V. Deocariza refereed.

Dionisio Castillo, 146½, fought to a technical draw with Cisco Ferrer, 146¾, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. The former bled too profusely to fight on after a collision of heads.

Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.

GAB witness—Carlos Roman.

(12-06-85)

▶**CABIAO, NEVA ECIJA**—Orlando Gutierrez, 118½, won a unanimous decision over Tito Gregorio, 118, 10. Onofre Perez refereed.

Promoter—Laureano Gamboa.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Dizon.

(12-06-85)

▶**MALOLOS, BULACAN**—Elmer Leonardo, 136, stopped Lorenzo Nabuab, 136, in the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed. Jun Llano, 122½, outpointed Rudy Grande, 120, eight.

Promoter—Efipanio Catabas.

GAB witnesses—Carlos Roman, Silverio Tuazon.

(12-07-85)

▶**ABATAN, BENGUET**—Bert Pucay, 124, unanimously decisioned Bestor Tachado, also 124, 10. Ambrosio Guanzo refereed.

Promoter—Tomas Arsenio.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Voltaire Reverente.

(12-07-85)

▶**QUEZON CITY—Trinity College**—Nick Daisay, 111, won a unanimous nod over Rey Torrenski, also 111, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Amy Pacana, 140½, scored an eighth round TKO over Mar Simbajon, 141, in the 10-round semi-final.

Promoter—Benjamin Torren.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Voltaire Reverente.

(12-14-85)

▶**GAPAN, NUEVA ECIJA**—Lou Marabe, Jr., 112½, unanimously decisioned Faustino Simbajon, 111, 10. Major Deocariza refereed.

Nilo Acido, 141, outpointed Lito Vasquez, 142, 10.

Promoter—Ramon Lainez.

GAB witness—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Roman.

(12-14-85)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Filipino junior bantamweight champion Ruben dela Cruz, 115, barely kept his crown via a split decision over Romy Navarrete, 114, 12. Romy is the younger brother of ex-WBC kingpin Rolando.

Tony Manulang, 130, knocked out Ric Zaulda, also 130, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Elmer Cubillas, 120, unanimously decisioned Jerry Duran, 119, 10.

Kid Kanashiro, 113, lost to Falsh Marino, also 113, via an upset six-round TKO in the first 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(12-14-85)

▶**QUEZON CITY**—William Develos, ex-OPBF junior batamweight champ at 122, chalked up a TKO victory over Majie Bonna, also 122, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Fel Aporto, 124, stopped Rolly Navarro, 124, at 1:47 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Ric Bajelot, 115½, won a unanimous decision over Willie Bernadas, 118, 10.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Voltaire Reverente.

(12-15-85)

▶**METRO MANILA—San Juan Coliseum**—Geron Porras, 129¾, was awarded a technical decision over Flash delos Reyes, 128½, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Ariel Duran, 132, TKO'd Eugenio Nardo, Jr., 131, at 1:29 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10.

Roastor Arcaya, 132, unanimously outscored Baby Pio Kaki, also 132, 10.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Leonardo Trinidad.

(12-17-86)

▶**OSLOB, CEBU**—OPBF junior lightweight champ Rod Sequenan, 135½, won a unanimous decision over Bert Lozano, also 135½, 10.

Rey Arceta, 122, eked out a split verdict over Tito Gregorio, 120, 10.

Promoter—Laura Elorde.

GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Leonardo Trinidad.

(12-18-85)

▶**TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA**—Cecilio Tutor, 109½, won a unanimous decision over Paul Torres, 110, 10.

Pretty Boy Lucas, 109½, fought to a technical draw with Rex Rapizo, 110, in the third round of their scheduled 10.

Pinoy Igor, 110½, TKO'd Danny Duran, 112½, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.

Promoter—Paciencio Hitosis.

GAB witness—Rodrigo D. Perez.

(12-20-85)

▶**LUTOPAN, TOLEDO CITY**—Emilio Alferez, 121, took a unanimous verdict over Gerson Brago, 120, 10.

Promoter—Akie Salud.

(12-20-85)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—University of Baguio Gymnasium**—Nilo Alamag, 131¼, won a unanimous duke over Albert Saxon, 131¼, 10.

Chito Adigue, 128¾, stopped Bernabe Aliping, 131, in the second round of their scheduled 10.

Danny Adangla, 127, halted Richard Agbay, 124¼, in the second session of another scheduled 10.

Promoter—Raffy Panagan.

GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Benedicto Ronquillo.

(12-21-85)

▶**NATALAM, NORTH COTABATO**—Edgar Apatan, 124, scored a fourth round TKO over Danny Ortega, 123, in a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Benhur Bedia.

(12-21-85)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Crafty veteran Jun Resma, 116, won a unanimous decision over Jun Simbajon, 117, in 10.

Pol Apiag, 130, lost a majority decision to Rene Aroy, 129, 10.

Cesar Ligan, 135, dropped a unanimous duke to Tony Cinco, 129, 10.

Dodong Oculan, 130, won a unanimous nod over Teo Aradora, 127, 10.

Nick Cabales, 119, was decisioned by Noel Toledo, 118, 10.

Promoter—Exequiel Labrador.

(12-21-85)

▶**SUCAT, MUNTINLUPA**—Boy Blanca, 119, TKO'd Rudy Palicua, 116½, at 1:49 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Pablo Pepito, 120½, unanimously decisioned Bobby Pinos, 122½, 10.

Al Llanita, 133½, won from Edison Saladas, 135, 10.

Ed Hemo, 112, outscored Tony Ducay, 113, 10.

Promoter—Dante Almario.

GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Leonardo Trinidad.

(12-22-85)

▶**TACURONG, SULTAN KUDARAT**—Rudy Castillon, 124, won a unanimous duke over Gilbert Albay, also 124, 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(12-22-85)

▶**TALAMBAN, CEBU CITY**—Jojo Cayson, 129, chalked up a TKO win over Flash Jordan, 129, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

(12-22-85)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Allan Allegria, 135, formerly rated by the WBA, was awarded a technical decision over ex-Filipino champ Ruben Rabago, 136, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Tim Balantay, 114, won from Robinson Cabusao, also 114, 10.

Wenie Guinieta, 135, surprisingly lost to Boy Romero, 135, on a seventh round TKO in their scheduled 10.

Gil Ragas, 114, TKO'd Ali Gamban, also 114, in the eighth round of the first 10.

Promoter—Eusebio Almario.

(12-29-85)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Filipino bantamweight champ Ernie Cataluna, 117, successfully kept his throne with a unanimous decision over Flash Emmanuel, 117½, 12.

Val de Vera, 116, lost a unanimous nod to Dadoy Andujar, also 116, 10.

Rudy Casicas, 119½, was a TKO winner over Flash Rockman, 120½, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Al Duran, 136, dropped a unanimous verdict to Carlos Parcia, 135½, 10.

Promoter—Ernesto Jaidian.

(12-29-85)

▶**CALAPAN, MINDORO**—Edel Geronimo, 116, scored a TKO over Tito Gregorio, 116, at 1:08 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Vir Abainza refereed.

Amado Cabato, 130½, won a unanimous decision over Noli Macabos, 133, 10.

John Calanogan, 112, TKO'd Faustino Simbajon, also 112, in the ninth session of a scheduled 10.

Hun Llano, 119½, stopped Rudy Gande, 120½, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Romy Santiago.

GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Leonardo Trinidad.

(12-30-85)

▶**ANGELES CITY—Swagman Gym**—Romy Cunanan, 132, won a unanimous decision over Boy Reyes, also 132, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.

GAB witness—Carlos Dizon.

(12-30-85)

▶**QUEZON CITY**—Ric Santiago, 112½, was held to a unanimous draw by Capino Jr., 114½, 10. Felixberto Jardenil refereed.

Promoter—Claudio Petalbo.

GAB witness—Benedicto Ronquillo.

(12-30-85)

▶**MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO**—Edgar Apatan, 124, unanimously decisioned Boy Ligas, also 124, 10.

Young Abaloyan, 130, scored a third round TKO over Paul Apiag, also 130, in a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Benhur Bedia.

(01-12-86)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Loremer Pontino, 118, earned a unanimous nod over Pat Bracdro, 119, 10.

Boy Romero, 135½, lost a unanimous duke to Carlos Parcia, 134½, 10.

Edwin Projo, 113, scored a unanimous decision over Robinson Cabusao, 114, 10.

Cesar Ligan, 137, was TKO'd by Ric Zaulda, 130, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Rudy Castillo, 122½, won a unanimous decision over Jerry Duran, 121¼, 10.

Promoter—Natividad Cabreros.

(01-12-86)

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2. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
3. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
4. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
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6. Roy Thompson (Panama)
7. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
8. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
9. Eduardo Tunon (Panama)
10. Seiji Tomari (Japan)

▶PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Center—Joe Hiyas, 122, earned a unanimous nod over Fel Malatag, 125, 10.
Geron Porras, 132, won from Sugar Rey Adonis, 133½, in a unanimous 10.
Louie Gonzales, 113, TKO'd Tony Ducay, 112½, in the fourth session of the first 10.
Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.
GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Dizon.
(01-16-86)

▶CABANATUAN CITY—Rolando Aldemir, 148, scored a seventh round kayo over Mide de Guzman, former Filipino champ at 148½, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.
Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.
(01-18-86)

▶TUBA, BENGUET—Bonnie Castillo, 122, TKO'd Little Puncher, 123, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Jun (Tue) Salvador, 145, stopped Rico Sacragon, 145, in the third round of a scheduled eight.
Promoter—Lorenzo Pilando.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Roman, Rodrigo D. Perez.
(01-16-86)

▶TARLAC—John Matienza, 125, won a unanimous nod over Flash delos Reyes, 127, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Elysser Bautista, 112, TKO'd Lou Marabe, Jr., 111, at 0:57 of the 10th and final round.
Promoter—Grego Garcia.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Benedicto Ronquillo.
(01-19-86)

▶DON CARLOS, BUKIDNON—Jun Ramos, 140, knocked out Ro Benyao, also 140, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
Sil Golosino, 112, lost a majority decision to William Belan, 111, 10.
Promoter—Bonifacio Hilario.
(01-19-86)

▶MONKAYO, DAVAO DEL NORTE—Noel Toredo, 118, scored a second round TKO over Samuel Idulsa, 119, in a scheduled 10.
Promoter—Estrella Ochida.
(01-19-86)

▶PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex—Majie Bonna, 122, earned a unanimous decision over Jun Tito, 122, 10. T. Evariste refereed.
Rudy Cabiles, 125, beat Ben Samson, 127½, on points, 10.
Jun Llano, 121, won from Willie Bernanas, 120½, 10.
Promoter—Shozaburo Sato.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Rodrigo Perez.
(01-24-86)

▶TACURONG, SULTAN KUDARAT—Elmer Cubillas, 119, won a unanimous nod over Rolly Perono, 122, 10.
Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.
(01-25-86)

▶OZAMIS CITY—Flash Ursus, 130, was awarded a technical decision over Vic Sibiza, also 130, 10.
Promoter—Roy Yabut.
(01-25-86)

▶BCF, BAGUIO CITY—Constancio Dangla, 115, TKO'd Rey Torrenski, 115, at 2:49 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Vir Abainza refereed.
Bert Pucay, 123, won a split decision over Abel Magracia, also 123, 10.
Elmer Pendog, 140, knocked out Edizon Saladas, 136, in 2:54 of the seventh session in a scheduled 10.
Sammy Baculong, 113¼, decisioned Ernesto Mabagsik, 114, eight.
Promoter—Castel Kiwang.
GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Leonardo Trinidad.
(01-26-86)

▶ILIGAN CITY—Pat Bracero, 119, eked out a majority decision over Emiliano Alferez, 121, 10.
Promoter—Antonio Almirante.
(02-01-86)

▶METRO MANILA—L & M Gym—Orlando Gutierrez, 122, stopped Rudy Grande, also 122, at 2:35 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez referred.
(02-01-86)

▶ABATAN, BENGUET—Ric Bajelot, 118, scored a unanimous decision over Rudy Palicua, 117, 10. A. Guanso refereed.
Bet Cucay, 124, won from Nestor Tachado, 126, 10.
Promoter—Tomas Arsenio.
GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Rodrigo Perez.
(02-01-86)

▶NEW BATAAN, DAVAO DEL NORTE—Busy campaigner Jun Resma, 118, stopped Teo Aradora, 118, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Boy Loperez, 122, unanimously decisioned Nilo Canales, 124, 10.
Promoter—Rodrigo Entero.
(02-02-86)

▶PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex—Rolando Bohol, 112½, took a unanimous nod over Titting Dignos, 113, 10.
Ronnie Vallescas, 109, was given a majority nod over Ariel Samson, 111, 10.
Sugar Rey Adonis, 131, won a unanimous nod over Boy Reyes, 133, 10.
Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.
(02-05-86)

▶KIAMBA, SOUTH COTABATO—Allan Baring, 130, won a unanimous nod over Boy Morales, also 130, 10.
Freddie Panerio, 130, fought to a split draw with Nick Caputol, also 130, 10.
Promoter—Remy Etrata.
(02-09-86)

▶GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Filipino junior bantamweight champ Ruben dela Cruz, 115, won a unanimous decision over Edel Geronimo, 114, in a non-title 10.
Carlos Parica, 135, eked out a split nod over Amy Pacana, also 135, 10.
Edgar Apatan, 122, decisioned Elmer Cubillas, 114, 10.
Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.
(02-16-86)

▶TUBA, BENGUET—Boy Samson, 114, unanimously outpointed Constancio Dangla, 115¼, 10. D. Rodenas refereed.
Promoter—Lorenzo Pilando.
GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Voltaire Reverente.
(02-20-86)

▶ULTRA, PASIG, METRO MANILA—Dionisio Castillo, 144, captured the Filipino welterweight title by knockout over Mon Desoloc, the defending champ at 146, in the eighth round in a scheduled 12. Larry Nadayag refereed.
IBF world flyweight champ Bodie Boy Penalosa, 122, continued his winning streak by taking a unanimous nod over Korean Soon-Jung Kang, 111½, of a non-title 10.
OPBF junior lightweight boss Rod Sequenan, 135, TKO'd Albert Saxon, 134, in the fifth canto of a non-title 10.
Pretty Boy Lucas, 108½, was awarded a technical decision over Robert Palarit, 108, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.
Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.
GAB witnesses—Rodrigo Perez, Benedicto Ronquillo.
(02-21-86)

▶FORT BONIFACIO, MAKATI—Pastor Arcaya, 135½, defeated Bert Lozano, 137, by a unanimous decision, 10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Jaunito Wavila, 127, won over Richard Agray, 126¾, 10.
Ed Danao, 113, outpointed John Calanogan, 116, 10.
Rex Rapiso, 110, was a points winner over Ric Santiago, 110½, 10.
Promoter—Grego Garcia.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Benedicto Ronquillo.
(02-22-86)

▶TAGUM, DAVAO—Robinson Cabusao, 114, scored a TKO over Kid Kanashiro, 115, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Jun Castillano, 135, won a unanimous duke over Cris Ladera, 136, 10.
Eusebio Almario, Jr., promoter.
(02-22-86)

▶ANGELES CITY—Swagman Gym—Rolando Aldemir, 149, repeated his triumph over Mike de Guzman, 149½, via a second round kayo in a 10-round rematch. Vicente Valdez refereed.
Promoter—Antonio Esquerra.
GAB witnesses—Rodrigo Perez, Benedicto Ronquillo.
(02-22-86)

▶ABATAN, BENGUET—Constancio Dangla, 117½, TKO'd Capino, Jr., 118, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.
Promoter—Lorenzo Pilando.
(02-28-86)

▶TUDELA, MISAMIS OCC.—Flash Ursus, 130, won over Ernie Nadal, 129½, 10.
Mac Espanola, 121, decisioned Eldie Paradero, 120, 10.
Promoter—Rey Yabut.
(02-23-86)

▶METRO MANILA—Eduardo's Supper Club—Rudy Cabiles, 125½, annexed the Filipino featherweight title from Momong Manaay, 126, by a unanimous decision, 12.
Little Bangoyan, 123, unanimously outpointed Pablo Pepito, 122, 10.
Ed Hemo, 113, TKO'd Junior Baylon, 113, at 0:35 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.
Lorenzo Pormanes, 117½, decisioned Sammy Ansig, 116, eight.
Promoter—Dante Almario.
GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Voltaire Reverente.
(03-01-86)

▶PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex—Elysser Bautista, the GAB's second ranked flyweight at 112, was held to a majority draw by Louie Gonzales, also, 112,

10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Cisco Ferrer, 146, barely took a split decision over Nilo Acido, 143¾, 10.
Amado Cabato, 125, outscored Boy Abuela, 126¾, 10.
Pinoy Igor, 112, decisioned Jerry Flores, also 112, eight.
Promoter—Laura Elorde.
GAB witnesses—Rodrigo Perez, Leonardo Trinidad.
(03-05-86)

▶**LOO, BENGUET**—Bert Pucay, the GAB's top junior featherweight contender at 123, scored a second round TKO over Bonnie Castillo, 122, in a scheduled 10. A. Guanzo refereed.
Promoter—Tomas Arsenio.
GAB witness—Carlos Roman.
(03-08-86)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Carlos Parcia, the GAB's top lightweight contender at 135, showed his ring superiority in copping a unanimous duke over Bert Lozano, 131, 10.
Rolando Protacio, 108, lost a unanimous nod to Tacy Macalos, 109, 10.
Jonathan Fin, 125, unanimously decisioned Flash Emmanuel, also 125, 10.
Robert Balazuela, 112, dropped a unanimous verdict to Mario Parcon, also 112, 10.
Flash Marino, 115, won over Jun Dolor, also 115, 10.
Promoter—Ricardo Mendez.
(03-15-86)

▶**OROQUIETA CITY**—Flash Ursus, the GAB's number six junior lightweight at 133, earned a unanimous duke over Deo Rabago, 138, 10.
Edgar Apatan, 122, TKO'd Boyet Aguilar, also 122, in the 10th round.
Rudy Castillon, 122, and Danny Ortega, also 122, fought to a majority draw, 10.
Promoter—Rey Yabut.
(03-16-86)

▶**LEPANTO, BENGUET**—Bert Pucay, the top Filipino junior featherweight contender at 127, defeated Bobby Pinos, 120, by a unanimous decision, 10. Ambrosio Guanso refereed.
Constancio Dangla, 116, unanimously decisioned Roger Pilapil, 117½, 10.
Pio Bangsoyao, 120, eked out a split nod over Leo Reo, 117½, eight.
Promoter—Promoter—Tomas Arsenio.
GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Leonardo Trinidad.
(03-22-86)

▶**QUEZON CITY—Trinity College Gym**—Flash delos Reyes, 129, unanimously outscored Arie Duran, 130, 10.
Louie Espinosa, 116, was awarded a unanimous nod over Robinson Cabusao, 114½, 10.
Fel Aporto, 121½, outscored Cesar Layosa, 120, 10.
Emil Romano, 112, decisioned Cris Ramos, 111, six.
Promoter—Grego Garcia.
GAB witnesses—Fidel Arcenas, Romula Santiago.
(03-22-86)

▶**MUNOS, NUEVA ECIJA**—Ric Santiago, 116, TKO'd Romy Austria, 111, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Promoter—Felipe Austria.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Roman, Benedicto Ronquillo.
(03-22-86)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Elmer Pendong, 140, chalked up a TKO win over Noli Macabas, also 140, at 1:46 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
John Matienza, who had been stopped by IBF bantam champ Jeff Fenech in Australia, 126, engaged in a comeback go and finished Danny Adangla, 128, at 1:37 of the second round in a scheduled 10.
Bernabe Aliping, 130, unanimously decisioned Eugenio Nardo, 129, 10.
Sammy Baculong, 111½, won over Ed Nomo, 109, 10.
Louie Lago, 129½, took a split decision over Joe Badongen, 129¾, eight.
Promoter—Castillo Kiwang.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Rodrigo Perez.
(03-22-86)

▶**METRO MANILA—L & M Gym**—Orlando Gutierrez, 119½, fought to a split draw with Tom Ramos, 120, 10. Tom Evaristo refereed.
Promoter—Tomasa Pamilosa.
GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Benedicto Ronquillo.
(03-24-86)

▶**METRO MANILA**—Nick Dalisay, the GAB's third ranked mini-flyweight at 104½, became the Filipino champ by taking a unanimous decision over Cecilio Tutor, 105, in 12.
Pablo Pepito, 124½, won over Richard Agbay, 124, 10.
Boy Blanca, 118½, stopped Willy Bernadas, 118, in the 10th and final round.
Al Llanita, 132, decisioned Baby Pio Kaki, 132½, 10.
Diego Lebante, 131½, outscored Sugar Rey Adonis, also 131½, eight.
Brix Rota, 129, won over Flash Dulcero, 133½, six.
Eder Olivetti, 123, decisioned Gilbert Magada, 125, six.
Jun Olivetti, 122, won over Joe Laprador, 124, four.
Promoter—Dante A. Almario.
GAB witnesses—Rodrigo Perez, Carlos Roman.
(03-31-86)

▶**NEW BATAAN, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Jun Castiliano, 135, stopped Danny Gementiza, also 135, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Promoter—Rodrigo Entero.
(03-30-86)

▶**NOTES**—After former president Fernando Marcos left the Philippines for Hawaii, Luis A. Tabuena, head of the GAB (Games and Amusements Board) resigned his post.
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THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thonsak Singbobae, 112½, easily took a unanimous decision over Veeradech S. Vechanan, 112, 6.
(01-02-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongberm Lookmatulee, 132, eked out a split duke over Vinai S. Savadi, 131, 6. The loser was an unknown southpaw.
(01-03-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—After a long lay-off, Dechumnoey Singthanongsak, 128, made a fine comeback by stopping Samoa Laudaryuthaya, 130, in the second round of a scheduled 6.
(01-07-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaokor Galaxy, eleder twin brother of WBA junior bantam kingpin Kaosai, 119, scored an upset kayo over Man S. Cipathana, 122, in the fourth round of a scheduled 6. Man had previously left the international boxing for his familiar *Muay-Thai* field, but he looked sharp in the first two rounds.
(01-08-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Kongnnapha Singtorchor, 123, came back from a previous kayo at the hands of Prayurasak Muangsurin two months earlier, and dropped Rungdej Sakcharern, the TBC's top ranked junior featherweight at 123, in the second round to win a unanimous nod, 6.
(01-10-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, the Thai Commission's top junior bantam contender at 120, dropped an upset duke to Nakarach Kiatsonthaya, 121, 6. Singnoi hit the deck in the third round.
(01-15-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Saksing Singkrungthon, 123, easily finished Phonamngern Sithseemok, 122, in the fourth round of a scheduled 6.
(01-16-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Petchainat Donjadee, 114, the OPBF's number six flyweight, easily demolished Vith Sitfahkamron, 114, in the second round of a scheduled 6. This one was a mismatch.
(01-17-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakad Petchyindee, 143, the TBC's top ranked lightweight, disposed of ex-*Muay-Thai* combatant Phayungsak Sithsamthahan, 146, in the third session of a scheduled 6.
Sakad, now under the wing of promoter Sombpop Srisongvongse, is aiming for a test against world ranked opponents.
(01-18-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Mahasamuth Sithnaruaphon, 107, Thai mini-flyweight champ, halted Nopachai Sakdipohcharern, 106, in the second round of a scheduled 6.
(01-19-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Tavin Narachavat, the TBC's third ranked junior lightweight at 132, looked impressive stopping Sinsamuth Porchaivat, 131, in the fifth round of a scheduled 6.
(01-20-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thavat Kiatpongchinda, 112, the former Thai mini-flyweight champ, won a unanimous decision over Praival Patchsompong, also 112, 6.
(01-23-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rangsit Stadium**—Kongthoranee Payakaroon, 118, the WBA's second ranked junior bantam, disposed of ex-OPBF champ William Develos, a Filipino veteran, also 118, in the second round of a scheduled 6.
(01-23-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Saksamuth Singsamang, 113, made a comeback and decisioned Pornchai Lanjaophaya, 111, 6.
(01-24-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Surasith Meeprasert, formerly rated 20th by the WBC, 113, halted rookie Kiatchai Kiatsonthaya, 120, in the third round of a scheduled 6.
(01-25-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Eak Donjadee, 118, stopped Kaopongnoi S. Thaveerat, also 118, in the second round of a scheduled 6. Thaveerat's record is no better than 2-17.
(01-26-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Channel 7 Ring**—Petchngarm Chuvatana, the OPBF junior bantamweight champ, eked out a split nod over Nakarach Kiatsonthaya, 6. There was no weigh-in for this night flight.
(01-26-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Santi Donjadee, 132, easily finished Prasan Sithchula, 132, in the second round of a scheduled 6.
(01-29-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Ex-Thai mini-flyweight boss Patt Ohyuthnakorn, 106, earned a unanimous nod over Thanchai Kiatthavatchai, 108, 6.
(01-31-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Narongthavat Nabamrung, the TBC's top junior flyweight contender, polished off debuting Sangpetch S. Phahurat in the first round of a scheduled 6.
(02-01-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Yuenyyong Sithprasong, 113, formerly the WBA's seventh ranked flyweight, lost an upset decision to Thai champ Nongberd Naphataya, also 113, 6.
(02-06-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Klairung Sithpayak, former Thai junior flyweight champ at 110, lost an upset split decision to Praival Petchsompong, also 110, 6. The winner is now 2-1.
(02-11-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thanomsak Singbobae, 114, floored and halted Samdech Kiatsongrit, 110, in the second round of a scheduled 6. The winner will now challenge Thai champ Nongberd.
(02-11-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thaevin Narachavat, the TBC's top ranked junior lightweight, dropped an upset decision to veteran Jimmy Sithfaidang, six.
(02-12-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, 119, dropped Nakaraj Kiatsonthaya, 120, in the second canto and won a unanimous verdict, six.
(02-13-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Surasith Meeprasert, 118, stopped Thamin Savatdivaree, also 118, in the fourth round of a scheduled 6.
Somboonyos Sinssamang, 122, the OPBF's tenth ranked bantam, halted Oddnoi Yodprasert, also 122, in their scheduled six.
(02-15-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Samuth Sithnaruaphon, Thai mini-flyweight champ at 107, fought a rematch with ex-titlist Thavat Kiatpangjinda, 110, and took a unanimous decision, six.
(02-18-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Samrong Stadium**—Prayurasak Muangsurin, Thai junior featherweight champ at 122, took just a minute to finish Japanese Kaoru Yoshioka, also 122, in the first round of a scheduled 10.
(02-16-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Saksing Singkrungthon, 123, decisioned Rakchai Kiatsonthaya, 122, 6.
(02-17-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Noree Jockygym, 112, impressively stopped Srithanya Sithsaneh, also 112, in the second round of a scheduled 6.
(02-18-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaokor Galaxy, 118, went to 5-0 as he kayoed Phanchai Kiatsonthaya, 118, in the second session of a scheduled 6.
(02-13-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Dechumnuay Singthanongsak, 127, outpointed Arnothai Sakboonma, 130, 6.
(02-21-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thongberm Lookmatulee, the TBC's top ranked junior lightweight, TKO'd Samart Sakadam, 132, in the third round of a scheduled 6.
(02-24-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Kongnapha Singtorchor, 123, pounded out a unanimous decision over ex-champ Chor Hhaplang, 124, 6.
(02-25-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Petchainat Donjadee, the TBC's top flyweight contender at 114, floored Sombat Au-

rsampan, also 114, and stopped him in the second round of a scheduled 6.
(02-26-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Patt Oyuthanakorn, ex-mini-flyweight champ at 108, showed his ring experience and knocked out Praival Petsompong, 110, in the fourth round of a scheduled 6.
(02-27-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Yodkwan Donjadee, 140, won the Thai junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Thai Suratcharern, also 140, 10.
(03-02-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Eak Donjadee, 118, won a unanimous nod over Kiatchai Kiatsonthaya, 118, 6.
(03-06-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chocchai Chorchang, 114, lost an upset decision to rookie Kajornsak Lookborvon, 116, 6.
(03-05-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Nongberd Naphataya, 112, lost his Thai flyweight title to unbeaten Thanomsak Singbobey, also 112, 10.

The official scorecards all read 98-96. The new champ is 9-0 with two kayoes.
(03-06-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Surasith Meeprasert, Thai top junior bantam contender at 122, kayoed Yodying S. Tinnakorn, 127, with a left hook in 1:20 of the first round in a scheduled 6.
(03-08-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Samuth Sithnaruapol, 107, knocked out Daonoi Sithprakan, 109, in 2:46 of the second round in a scheduled 6.
(03-09-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Noree Jockygym, 113, decisioned Vathanasak Sathiragym, also 113, 6.
(03-11-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thavat Kiatpangjinda, 109, lost a unanimous decision to Patt Ohyuthanakorn, 108, 6.
(03-13-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rangsit Stadium**—Kongtranee Payakaroon, 118, the WBC's fifth ranked super flyweight, stopped Korean Kyung-Lak Song, 119, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
(03-13-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Veerachai Wongpraset, 111, dropped an upset decision to Krairith Soothonkiat, also 111, 6.
(03-14-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Saksing Singkrungthon, 122½, easily stopped Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, 118, in the second round of a scheduled 6. It was a grudge fight, Saksing having dropped an upset decision to Sakchai last February.
(03-17-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Dejumnuen Sinthanongsak, the TBC's fourth ranked junior feather at 128, knocked out Chainarong Sithseemoke, 130, in the first round of a scheduled 6.
(03-18-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Aryuthaya Sithfahkamron, 126, outscored Jakkris Kruthavuth, a former amateur star at 125, 6.
(03-19-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Hard punching Saksamuth Singsamang, the TBC's fourth ranked flyweight at 112, stopped Vit Sithfahkamron, 114, at 2:48 of the second session in a scheduled 6.
(03-20-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Rocky Sor Chitalada, the Thai number seven bantamweight at 121, ran his unbeaten log to 11-0 by stopping Pettae Sithfahkamron, 121, in the second canto of a scheduled 6.

The loser suffered his seventh consecutive kayo loss.
(03-22-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Eak Donjadee, 116, suffered a surprising kayo at the hands of Theppatoom Eakachatchingchai, 115, in the fourth round of a scheduled 6.
(03-25-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaokor Galaxy, 118, boosted his log to 6-0 with four kayoes as he eked out a split decision over Nakarach Kiatsonthaya, 118, in 6 hard-fought rounds.
(03-26-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, the TBC's second ranked bantam at 119, scored a one-punch kayo over Aunglaong Sriangkoon, 118, in 0:15 of the first round in a scheduled six.
(03-27-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rangsit Stadium**—Pongpan Sor Phayathai, formerly rated by the WBC, 126, was knocked out by Songphol Meesaunthong, ex-silver medalist of the amateur King's Cup international tourney, also 126, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
(03-27-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Roj Sornrama, previously fighting under the name of Narongthavat Babumrung, 111, halted Monsayrmnoi Kitaphorkhun, also 111, in the fourth session in a scheduled 6.

Roj is the TBC's top contender, ranked fifth by the OPBF.
(03-29-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Bomboonyos Singsamang, Thai top ranked bantamweight at 122, halted Thamin Savadivaree, also 122, in the fifth canto of a scheduled 6.
(04-01-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Patt Oryuthanakorn, 108, was awarded an upset split decision over Thongtep Petschsriraja, 109, 6. Patt was a 10-1 underdog.
(04-03-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Aryuthaya Sithfakamron, 125, unanimously decisioned Nualam Lookmingkwan, 126, 6.
(04-06-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Though regarded as a bright prospect, Noree Jockygym, 113, lost a split decision to hard hitting southpaw Daorung Uthraradith, also 113, 6. The winner is now 4-0 with two kayoes.

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Old soldier Meka Sornrama moved to Sornrama Stable from the now defunct Vorravuth Stable. Meka, 110, scored a stunning upset by decisioning Tahavat Kiatpangjinda, the TBC's third ranked mini-flyweight, also 110, 6.
(04-09-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Nongbird Naphataya, ex-Thai champ at 114, disposed of Pudpong Muangchaiyapoom, also 114, in the fifth round of a scheduled 6.
(04-10-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Dechamnuay Singthanongsak, 126, chalked up a TKO win over Kwanchai Sor Sinanta, 126, in the second round of a scheduled 6. Kwanchai suffered a bad gash over the left eyebrow.
(04-15-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Tavin Narachavat, Thai junior lightweight champ at 131, couldn't cope with the jab of Aryuthaya Sithfahkamron, 128, losing an upset decision in an non-title 6.
(04-21-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sombat Sorthanikul, 117, finished Noomnua Pathanasing, 115, in the third round of a scheduled 6.
(04-23-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Petchainat Donjadee, the TBC's top ranked flyweight at 114, knocked out Chokedee Yodprasert, 112, in the third round of a scheduled 6.
(04-25-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Eakaluk Singnakornlaung, 126, eked out a split decision over Vinai Sor Savaddi, also 126, 6.
(04-28-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Saksamuth Singsamang, 112, dropped Thoranee Kiatpohkhun, 114, for a count of nine in the fifth round, and won a unanimous decision, 6.
(04-30-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sak Galaxy, 129, lost his junior lightweight crown via a first round kayo to fast-rising challenger Thevin Narachavat, 130, in 2:15 of a scheduled 10.

After Sak regained his feet following a knockdown, he said the Thai equivalent of "No Más" to the TBC referee and the third man declared a halt. Sak will reportedly hang up his gloves for good.
(03-24-86)

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Personal problems prevented this reporter from filing reports for the last three months. The Orient reports will now continue as before. Joe Koizumi is back!

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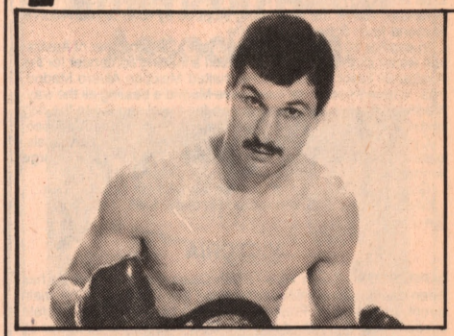

Australian veteran Paul Ferreri overcame a rocky start to kayo Junior Thompson in defense of the Australian and Commonwealth bantamweight titles.

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▶**BRUCE—National Indoor Sports Arena**—Paul Ferreri defended his Australian and Commonwealth bantamweight titles against Junior Thompson, Tony Miller defended his Australian featherweight title against Marty Feighan, and Australian junior light heavyweight champion Doug Sam met recently deposed Australian light-heavy champ Wally Carr. Those were the three big ones, the top two headlining, the third creating great interest. There were two six-rounders and one three-rounder in support, as well as a couple of kick-boxing exhibitions.

Junior Thompson, 115¾, is the junior flyweight champion of Australia. In his career of 19 professional bouts, 10 of them have been for national titles (junior-fly, fly, junior-bantam, bantam). Ferrari, 118, Australia's longest serving champion of all time (just over 10 years—would have been 17 years if he had not relinquished the title earlier; he won it back) was taking part in his 32nd title tilt of national level and above. It was his 84th contest. He is aged 38 and fighting strongly—and speaking fluently.

Something happened in this fight, something that has not occurred before: Ferreri took a count. Even Carlos Zarate could not deck Ferreri in their world title tilt. That one ended in round 12, being stopped because Ferreri received a cut eye.

Paul went down in round two from two right hands, the first of which put him off balance, the second—less powerful—tipping him to the floor. He was up in a second but had to take eight. From then on, Ferrari took complete control. In round four, he decked Thompson. In round five, a right exploded on Thompson's temple. His face twisted and he fell in a heap. Referee Billy Males crowned Ferreri without bothering to count.

After leaving the ring, Ferreri had a few heated words with IBF world bantam champion Jeff Fenech. Paul wants to fight Jeff, who went around Ferreri to get his world title. Promoter Bill Mordey has Fenech defending against Steve McCrory on June 20, with Ferreri opposed to Hurley Snead in the semi, the two winners to meet in a title tilt.

In the other 12-rounder on the Bruce bill, Tony Miller, 125¾, defended against hard punching big-hearted Marty Feighan, 125, but Miller had to make four trips to the scales before he made the weight. He finally made it a couple of minutes under two hours after his first weigh-in.

Miller dominated the fight with Feighan, though Marty fought back hard. But Marty seemed a little gun-shy after being stopped recently by Shane Knox, and this did not do him any good against the walk-up busy Henry Armstrong-type Miller (what a fight it would be between Miller and Knox!) A right to the jaw decked Feighan in round two. Miller was cautioned by referee Billy Males for rough work in round six. Males ordered the judges to deduct one point from Miller.

It made no difference. Miller cut loose on Feighan and Males rescued Marty at the same instant the towel came from Feighan's corner in round six.

Miller also holds the Australian junior lightweight title.

Wally Carr has slowed to a walk. He showed this in losing his national light heavy crown to Garry Hubble a few weeks ago. Opposed to Doug Sam, a sharp puncher, Wally showed that he had slowed even more. Sam, 176¼, discovered this in a cautious first round, after which he opened up. Carr, 172¾, did not fall but at the end of round five the doctor advised referee Brian McMahon to stop the fight "because of Carr's swollen eye." Billed for 10. Carr announced his retirement from boxing before he left the ring. He held three Australian titles during his career—junior middle, middle, and light heavy. He lost only the 175-pounder, outgrowing the others. The Sam fight was his 100th. Wally Carr had nothing left to prove. He was a credit to boxing.

Steve Peel, 132½, outpointed Charlie Clarke, 130½, over six good rounds.

Kid Solly, 165¾, drew with Tony Adcock, 159¾, in another six.
Steve Marolt, 190¼, outpointed Terry Regan, 202¼, in three.
The show was promoted by Arthur Laing and the Ambassador Hotel. Trevor Whitton was matchmaker. Great arena, first time there for pro boxing. Bruce is a suburb of Canberra, which is the capital city of Australia.
(04-18-86)

QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Australian lightweight champion Dale Artango, 136½, was far too classy for Mexican Juan Carlo Alvarado, 138½, the fight being stopped by referee Alan Moore in round four. Scheduled for 10.

In another 10 on the bill, Mark Janssen, 156, brother of Australian welter champ Brian, and himself a leading contender for the Australian junior middle throne, halted Mexican Alvaro Madrid, 155, in round seven. Janssen gave Madrid a beating all the way. Madrid is tough but in round seven the towel came into the ring and referee Denzil Creed stopped the fight and crowned Janssen.

Cyclone George, 135, and Johnny Fooks, 136, two locals, battled to a 10-round draw. Alan Moore refereed and saw George winner by one point; but the two judges carded it even.

Graeme Jeffies, 140, outpointed Stewart Hartley, 140, six.

Shane Fooks, 115, outpointed Smokey Willis, 118, four.
(04-21-86)

VICTORIA

▶**PRESTON—Town Hall**—Flash Chisango of Zimbabwe has been campaigning in Australia since last October. In the main event on this bill at Preston Town Hall he halted Tony Porrata in round four of a scheduled ten. Cuts brought the stoppage by referee Johnny Wheeler, but Chisango was ahead on all cards. Chisango scaled 179¾, Porrata 174¼.

Over eight rounds, Rodney Bowman, 131¼, outpointed veteran Roger Henry, 140.

Over six, Kevin Hargraves, 185¼, stopped Vince Cervi, 180¾, in round four.

Two fours resulted: Kerry Packer, 125¾, outpointed Wayne Dayle, 130; Anton Dalrymple, 138¾, outpointed Rob Jacobs, 143¼.

Dave Wellings promoted.
(04-27-86)

▶**WARRNAMBOOL**—Lawrence (Baby Cassius) Austin, former holder of three Australian titles, showed he still is a force when he kayoed Dave Ramsden in round three for the vacant Victoria State junior middleweight title. Austin scaled 153¾, Ramsden 147¼. Johnny Wheeler refereed.

Over eight rounds, Nick Hatzil, 141, outpointed Phil Miller, 138¾.

Over six, Charlie Clarke, 156½, beat Joe Knight, 161, when referee Chris Anderson stopped the contest in round six.

Rocky Pirrottina in a four-rounder! That is right. Rocky, back after a spell, scaled 145½ and outpointed Merv Guerney, 147¾, four. In other fours, Gary Clarke, 134½, outpointed Robbie Thorpe, 130; Austin Taylor, 141, kayoed Shane Kellett, 145½, in four.

Promoted by Jock Austin.
(04-30-86)

▶**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Zambian Chisanda Mutti, 190, defended his Commonwealth cruiserweight crown against former Australian heavyweight champion Dave Russell, same weight, and it seemed that Mutti would leave his crown here, for Russell held a points lead at the end of round 10—97-94, 98-92, 97-94 by judges Bryan Membrey, Johnny Wheeler, and Clive Greedy. Then, in round 11, Mutti unleashed an onslaught ending with a right to the jaw that decked Russell. Referee Malcolm Bulner crowned Mutti as Russell hit the deck.

In an eight, Flash Chisango, 175½, outpointed Rick Kulu, 171¾.

In another eight, Attila Fogas, 144¾, outpointed Robbie Nava, 146¾.

In fours, Kerry Packer, 126¼, outpointed Shayne Stevens, 128¼; Dan McMurray, 146½, drew with Robbie Jacobs, 142¾.

In a three-rounder, Marty Fogas, brother of Attila, 172½, outpointed Luke McIntosh, 182½.

Decker Promotions.
(05-10-86)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**CARDIFF—Workers Club**—Craig Pevy, former junior featherweight champion of Australia, 134½, outpointed sawed-off shotgun Bobby Mastro, 127¾, 10. Pevy did not lose a round but he knew he was in there. All Mastro opponents do. Joe Keegan refereed.

In sixes, Robbie Hitchenson, 207¾, outpointed Wal Keaster, 209½; Brett Pevy, 161, outpointed Nooky Curyer, 164¼; Billy Deluth, 113½, outpointed Alan Whitton, 118.

Over four rounds, Steve Henry, 150, outpointed Ross Felton, also 150; Stewart Weekes, 143¼, halted Robert Narwaka, 146¾, in round two because of a cut eye.

Promoted by Rodger Pevy and Roger McVey.
(04-29-86)

NEW ZEALAND

▶**AUCKLAND—Galaxy Nightclub**—Robbie Nava, 149½, showed NZers some class in winning with a second round K.O. over Tongan champion Tony Fale, 154. Billed for 10. In an eight-rounder, another Aussie in Paul James, 164½, halted Samoan Mua Tal Iulu, 168, in round four.
(04-21-86)

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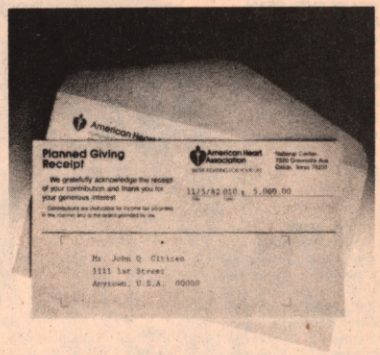

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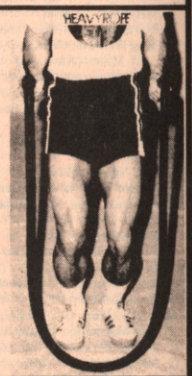

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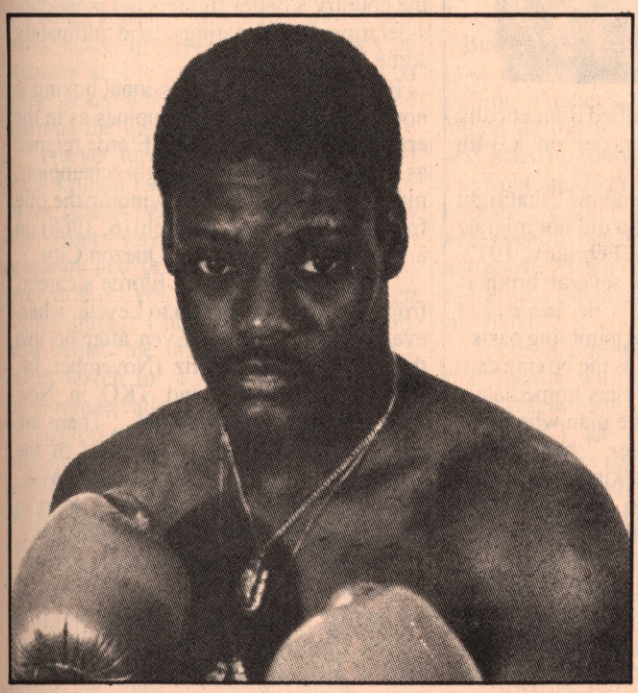
DENNIS MILTON
JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT

MARK BRELAND AND DENNIS MILTON WERE TWO OF THE greatest amateur stars to come out of the New York Golden Gloves during the first half of the decade. Breland, of Brooklyn, won five New York G.G. titles. Milton, from the Bronx, won four. But from there on, their careers took separate paths. Breland won a gold medal at the Olympics that led to a multi-million dollar pro contract. Milton failed to make the Olympic team and was forced to open his pro career the hard way—fighting in small clubs for small money. Nevertheless, he's off to a fine start, winning his first five in a row, two via knockout . . . Despite the fact that Dennis has been forced to live in Breland's shadow for most of his amateur and professional career, Milton is a very colorful individual. His nickname is "The Magician," an appropriate moniker that describes his activities on both sides of the ropes. You see, when Dennis is not dazzling opponents with fistic prestigitation, he's busy entertaining audiences with a more traditional brand of magic. He has performed at various clubs and is scheduled to display his conjuring talents on NBC-TV's "Late Night with David Letterman." Milton can often be seen ringside wearing his magician attire, complete with cane and top hat . . . "I do my magic act for publicity," says Milton. "In the ring, the battle is fought one on one. In magic, it's you against the audience." . . . A graduate of DeWitt Clinton High School, Milton often returns to his *alma mater* to lecture and share his experiences . . . "Education is essential for success," he tells the students. "If you have a diploma, it proves that you finish what you start." . . . Although not considered a particularly hard hitter, WNBC-TV's Marv Albert named the right to the chin Dennis used to kayo Mario Davis with as "Punch of the Year." . . . Milton is managed and trained by Maynard Stoval . . . They both hope that their dream of a world championship for "The Magician" is more than just an illusion. □



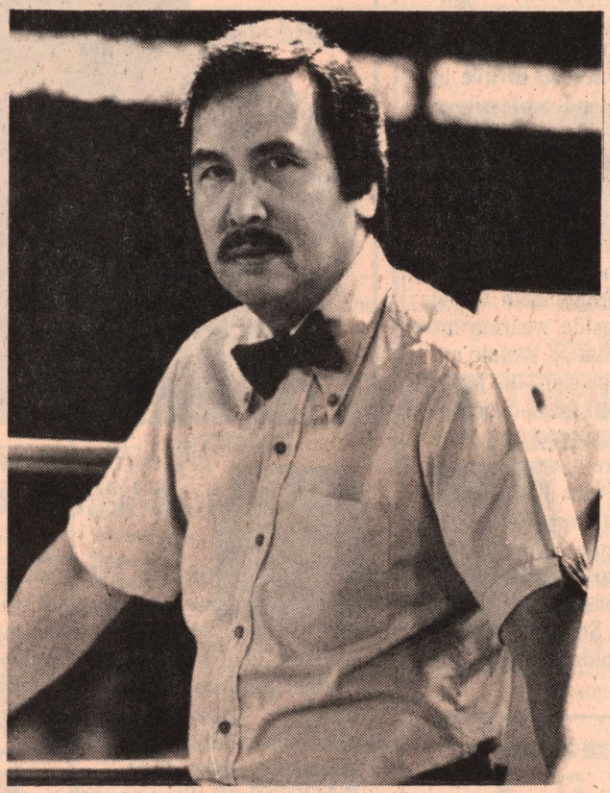
HENRY HUGHES
JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

MUCH LIKE MIGRANT FARM WORKERS, BOXERS OFTEN have to leave home to find regular work. Such is the case with Henry Hughes, who left his wife and infant son at home in Cleveland, Ohio and moved to Paterson, New Jersey in order to further his boxing career as a member of the Lenny Shaw stable . . . "I get homesick sometimes because I come from a close-knit family," says Hughes. "But I go home for about a week after every fight." . . . So far, the move has been highly beneficial. Starting with a second round knockout over Dwayne Herod in his pro debut in August of '85, Henry has run off seven straight professional victories, two via kayo . . . Hughes, who calls himself "Sugar K," caught the boxing bug from an older brother when he was 15. He enjoyed an excellent amateur career, winning 105 bouts and losing eight. He captured the National Golden Gloves in '81 and two National AAU titles in '82. Along the way, he beat Tyrone Trice three times and split a pair of bouts with Jerry Page. His dream of a berth on the '84 Olympic team came to an end when John Wesley Meekins outpointed him in the trials . . . In his most recent pro adventure, Hughes, 22, won a technical decision over John McMurren in Atlantic City. However, Hughes claims that it was a left hook, not an accidental head butt, that opened the fight-ending eye cut . . . With only two pro knockouts to his credit, Henry is obviously not a power puncher . . . "I try to do it all. I box, counter, use lateral movement, whatever it takes to win." . . . As we go to press, Hughes is busy sparring with Terrence Alli, helping him prepare for his upcoming title fight with Livingstone Bramble . . . Hughes hopes that one day, in the not too distant future, he will be prepping for his own shot at a world championship. □

IN THIS CORNER

by Jack Welsh

(Referee) Carlos Padilla



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JUST ABOUT NOW, CARLOS PADILLA should be repacking a couple of suitcases, reaching for his travel visa, and heading back to the Philippines where he was born 52 years ago into a family of dual renown—boxing and movie making.

The junket does not trigger a permanent transition from his adopted domicile in Las Vegas. Rather, it is one Padilla might liken to his own version of a "Midsummer Night's Dream," since he hopes to help Filipino boxers draw more attention in world ratings, and take some time for a film acting assignment he was offered last spring.

Though he had refereed more than a thousand professional matches throughout the Far East, Carlos' stature didn't reach international proportions until he was the third man in the ring for the classic "Thrilla in Manila" (October 1, 1975) when Muhammad Ali rallied dramatically to stop Smokin' Joe Frazier on a 14th round TKO.

Though he is quick to admit "that fight changed my life," Padilla did not migrate to the United States until February, 1977, joining his mother and several brothers and sisters who arrived a decade earlier in Nevada's world-famed gambling oasis.

Generally recognized as the boxing capital of the world, Las Vegas immediately welcomed Padilla as "the man who made Ali behave against Frazier," but hardly a soul knew they were talking to a multi-talented individual who had become a leading film star at 21 in the Philippines.

Padilla jetted back to the Orient last spring to referee his 49th world title fight (Ali-Frazier was the first) in 22-year ring career that included stops in Japan, Hong Kong, Scotland, Korea, Canada, and every fight center in the United States.

"I flew to Korea, and had a five hour drive to Kwang Ju, north of Seoul, where Jung-Koo Chang was defending his junior flyweight title against a Mexican whose name slips my mind," Padilla reflected. "Chang won a close decision, and after the fight, I flew directly to Manila. I was still there when Larry Holmes and Michael Spinks fought, so I was interviewed on national TV for my views on the fight. Funny thing, but when I was back there in 1984 I did a TV commercial for a popular beer called 'Max.' They showed it before and after my TV interviews."

Padilla seems to modestly offer a perfect analogy in that the respected family name in the Filipino film industry is as widely lauded as "the Barrymores in America."

"Not only in picture making, but also in boxing, going back to the days of my grandfather," Carlos reminded. "Rudy Fernandez is the No. 1 top box office star there now, and I was supposed to do a film with him on my last visit, but I had to come home. I told Rudy I'd come back in July or August when I could spend several months, mixing my boxing work with making the picture.

"I expect to be working with the Filipino boxing commission, which is known as the Games and Amusements Board. The idea being that the new Aquino government will give boxing in the islands some much needed financial support. I feel I can be of some assistance in helping the country's better fighters get more consideration in the ratings, and ultimately some title fights."

Padilla concedes professional boxing is not as popular in the Philippines as in the era when Gabriel "Flash" Elorde reigned as world junior lightweight champion, making 15 defenses after winning the title from Harold Gomes (March 16, 1960) on a seventh-round TKO in Quezon City.

"Everybody followed Elorde's career, from Luzon to Mindanao to Leyete, wherever he was fighting. Even after he lost the title to Carlos Ortiz (November 14, 1966) on a 14th round TKO in New York," Carlos remembered. "There are still many avid fights, but most of the fights are out in the province, not in Manila. Basketball is now the No. 1 sport in the Philippines, attracting the taller boys, with boxing second. Elorde was a personal friend of mine and a gentleman in and out of the ring. And he seemed to be the pride of the Philippines more than any other fighter. He was only 50 when he died last

year of cancer.

"You must remember Filipino boxers don't get much bigger than welterweights, or maybe a few middleweights. Among the other greats were world flyweight champion Pancho Villa, middleweight king Ceferina Garcia, flyweight ruler Dado Marino, and junior lightweight champion Ben Villaflor, but they fought a lot in the States, Hawaii and other places."

Asking Padilla whether he grew up in a boxing or movie atmosphere is almost like asking "which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

"It seems like everything came at the same time," Carlos reviewed. "My father, Carlos, played in the silent movies, starting as a leading man and later working as a writer, director, and producer. He was like a John Barrymore in our country, but he was also a writer, director, and producer. His brother, Jose Padilla, was an actor and an outstanding boxer who competed in the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles and the '36 Games in Berlin. It was my father who made my uncle an Olympian. My father was only 51 when he died in 1964.

"Of course, maybe the man who was really responsible for all of it was my grandfather, who was also named Jose. He was famous as a lawyer, congressman, and later governor of Bulacan province. He, too, was into boxing, and being wealthy, he paid for the boxers' trips to the Olympics."

Padilla appeared in his first movie as a child actor in 1947, but was boxing amateur at 13, continuing for the next three years while going to school and learning the inside of movie making.

"I never turned pro in the ring, but I think I might have sparred with every pro in the islands because we put up a ring in our front yard every Sunday when amateurs and pros would come from all over to box. We'd start at sunup and go right to dusk," Carlos related. "My acting also helped me in boxing. There was a talent search for a leading man in 1955 for a movie called *Torpe*, and I won it at 21, making me the youngest ever in Philippine history as a leading man. The movements I made in the ring also helped me on the screen. I played all types of roles, including a Japanese officer, and I guess I died every way possible to die in a movie."

Padilla admits it "seemed like a million to one chance" that he wound up as the referee for "the Thrilla In Manila," but the assignment ultimately turned everything around far beyond his wildest dreams.

"It seems it's a magic that makes you better to be connected with Muhammad Ali, and it changed my life for the better just like it did for Howard Cosell and Dr. Ferdie Pacheco," Carlos insisted. "President (Ferdinand) Marcos wanted as many Filipino officials used as possible. There were two other Filipinos being considered with me, but when I brought my uniform to the arena on the day of the fight, I still didn't know anything.

"I remember Larry Holmes fought the second fight on the card. When one official asked me if I had been interviewed by the press, I asked him why I should be, and he said I was doing the Ali-Frazier fight. This was less than an hour before the big fight, and some people expected me to be shocked, but here was one time where my acting experience came in handy."

Understandably, Padilla has some vivid memories, which will remain forever indelible in his mind. It was one of the greatest world heavyweight title fights in history, and attracted 60,000 persons to the Philippine Coliseum:

"I was awed by the size of the ring. Filipino fighters are smaller, so the rings are much smaller. Then there was the size of Ali and Frazier. I'm only about 5'8", so it looked like I was giving instructions to Ali's armpits. He wasn't paying any attention to me because he was talking to Frazier all the while," the referee said. "But I was determined to prove I was the boss in the ring. Ali had a reputation for pulling Frazier's head in the clutches. When he did it, I gave him a warning, and when he continued, I actually stopped the fight and held the back of his head to explain my point. I don't believe any referee ever did that before because he looked surprised. When Ali grabbed Joe around the arms, I'd knock his gloves off with my hand."

There is one aspect of the "Thrilla" that Padilla will always recall with justified resentment.

"When I was introduced by name in the ring before the fight, the people gave me a loud round of applause," Carlos said. "I turned and bowed to Marcos and his wife, Imelda, sitting at ringside to give them respect. I was hoping they would bless me with a wave, but they were talking to each other and they never looked at me.

"After the fight, President Marcos entered the ring and walked right past me. I thought he'd shake my hand, or tap me on the shoulder, and say something like, 'Good job,' or 'Good boy,' but nothing. He never looked at me. They are very jealous of any Filipino who might get some international attention. They wanted all the attention to themselves. Marcos had free TV for the fight and declared a national holiday, but that was only to make himself look good."

When Padilla came to the United States to expand his refereeing, if not his acting career, he completely changed his lifestyle.

"I stopped smoking and drinking, and staying out late. I put myself in the position of a boxer," Carlos advised. "I now have my own gym at home. I jog two miles a day and also go to Johnny Tocco's gym. Probably the hardest part of being a referee is knowing when to stop a fight or let it continue. Even when a fighter is fighting back you can hear the heavy blows. I think they should have clinics for managers and trainers to understand when a boxer is hurt. They could stop the fight, but they don't do that. All the responsibility is on us. When a fighter is outclassed, it's a shame a trainer will let it go on."

Once settled in Las Vegas, Padilla acquired state licenses as a blackjack dealer and bartender, but the work regimen interferred with refereeing, so he opted to be chief bus boy at the popular Union Plaza Hotel-Casino where he personally controlled the schedule.

"Some people were surprised I'd take such a job, but it was perfect for refereeing—they didn't complain when I wanted time off. The money wasn't the object anyway," Carlos explained. "Anyway, I gave it up now that I'm going back to the Philippines. One thing me and my wife, Esperanza, would like some day is if our daughter, Zsa Zsa (she's 22 and married last May 28) could come to Vegas and sing in one of the clubs. She's No. 2 top female singer in the Philippines right now, doing everything from rock, jazz, blues, and ballads.

"I really miss working in films. Back in '71, I starred and directed an adventure film in the islands called *Currimao*. The last movie I made over there was in '78 although I did an American film in the Philippines after the Ali fight called *Blind Rage*. I actually made three American films over there, so I'm eligible for the Screen Actors' Guild. Why haven't I done any movies in the States? Nobody's asked me." □

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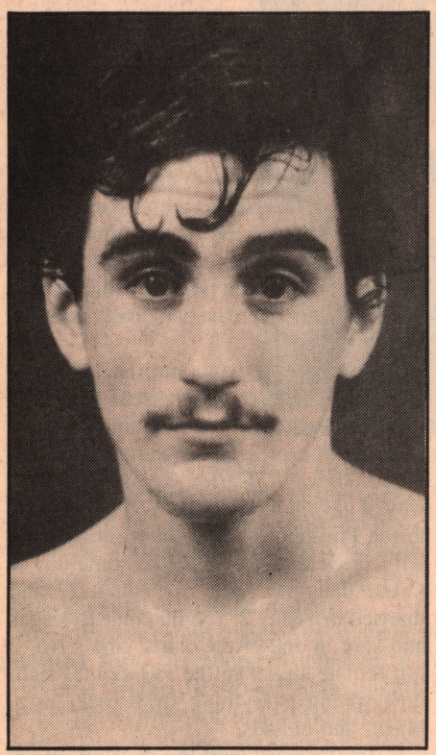
FOR LARRY HOLMES
Former heavyweight champion

Q: Was failing to beat Rocky Marciano's record the biggest disappointment of your career?

A.D., NEW YORK, NY

A: No, I'm glad I didn't tie or break Marciano's record. Now, when I ride down the street, I don't have to worry about anybody yelling, 'You're not as great as Marciano' at me anymore.

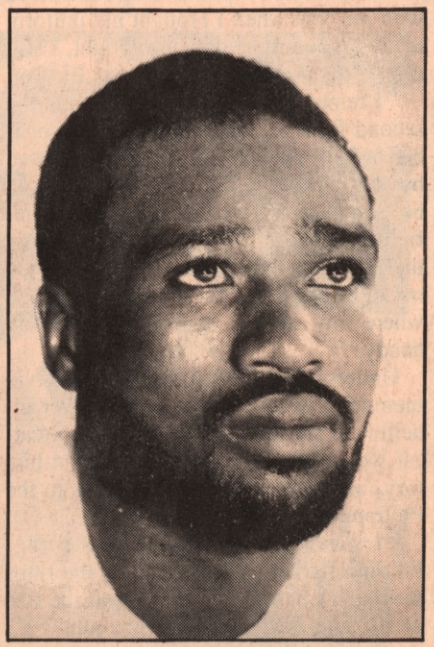


FOR BARRY McGUIGAN
WBA featherweight champion

Q: Are there any drawbacks to being so popular in Ireland?

J.G., HOBOKEN, NJ

A: Some, especially when I'm out shopping. But I like to think that in Ireland I have friends and not fans.



FOR JOHN (THE BEAST) MUGABI
Ugandan middleweight contender

Q: Did you ever meet Idi Amin when you lived in Uganda?

B.W., BRISTOL, ENGLAND

A: Yes, Amin liked boxing and he came to the Lugogo gym in Kampala when I was a teenager. He sent a team of us to Japan in his private jet. He bought us equipment. But when he ran away, he took all the money, and in Uganda now, the kids have nothing.

FOR MARK BRELAND
Undefeated welterweight contender

Q: When will you fight for the welterweight title?

M.G., YONKERS, NY

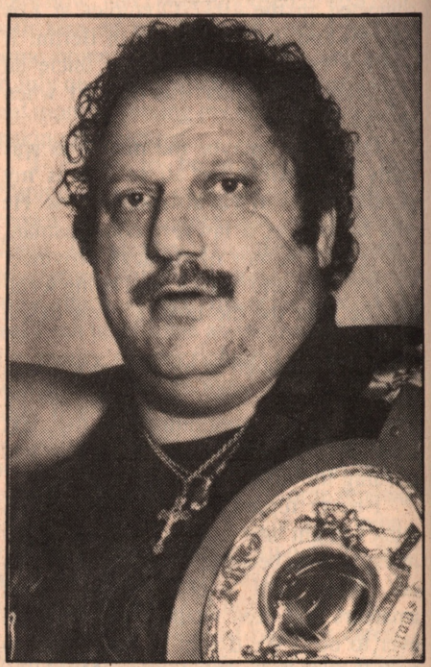
A: There's no pressure on me to fight for a title. When I'm ready, I'll let them know. I still need more fights with tougher opponents before I'm ready for a title shot.

FOR SUGAR RAY LEONARD
Former welterweight and junior middleweight champion

Q: Don't you think you're too old to be thinking about fighting Marvelous Marvin Hagler?

L.H.S., LOUISVILLE, KY

A: No, he's older than I am, and no matter when we fight, he'll still be older than I am. But when we do get together, it will be the greatest fight in history.



FOR RICHIE GIACHETTI
Trainer

Q: You have worked with Larry Holmes for years. What do you think about his infamous "Jockstrap" remark?

M.W., LAS VEGAS, NEV

A: The whole Rocky Marciano thing got blown out of proportion. He didn't mean it as a derogatory thing. He just meant he felt he was a better fighter than Marciano, which is fair.

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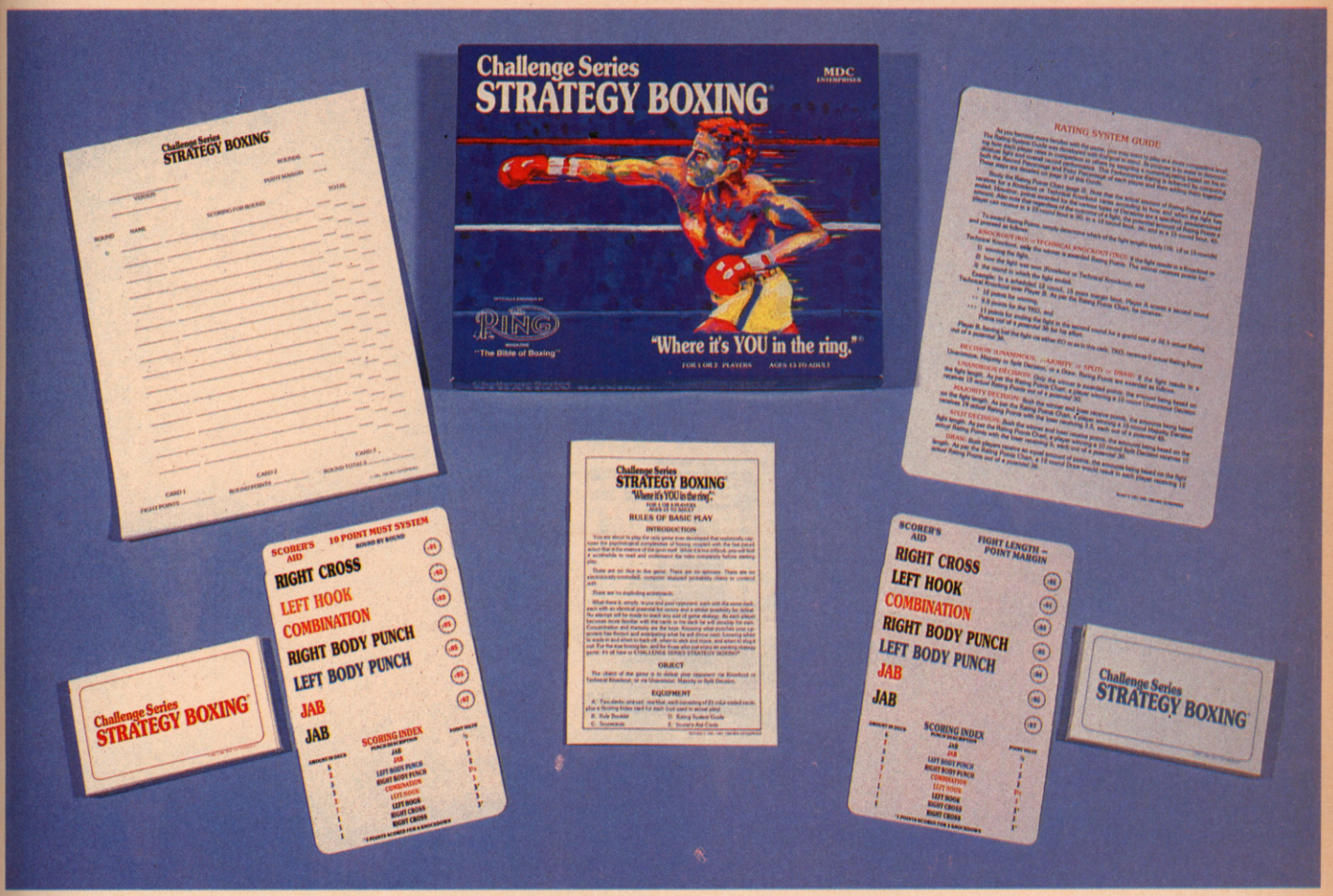

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